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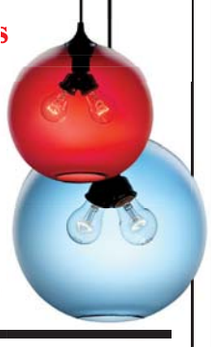

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The Innocence of a Child Surely Worth at Least $2

A Bridgeport, Conn., man has been arrested on allegations he coached his 8-year-old neighbor to swear and say racial slurs for a video he posted on YouTube. The boy's mother said her son was paid $1 to make "Swearing Kid," and that the video has upset her family. Josh Eastman, 24, was charged Tuesday with impairing the morals of a child. Eastman says that what the boy said on the video was funny, not offensive. **(AP)**

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Burgeoning Field of Salary Concealment Takes a Hit

A Norfolk, Va., community services board employee has received a salary and benefits for 12 years without showing up for work. Executive Director Maureen Womack said she fired the employee, informed the board that governs her agency and asked the city attorney to investigate the matter earlier this summer. The investigation is nearly complete and its findings will soon be turned over to police. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

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AS STATE FAIR SEASON begins, thousands of visitors hit Falcon Heights Thursday for the start of Minnesota's version. The fairly (ha) standard event boasts classic competitions — there's a giant vegetable contest — and traditional fare (ha): lots of Cheese on a Stick vendors. **EO**

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Beck's Rally a Test of His Clout

Conservative talk show host expects 100K to attend event

Dateline, DatIn.

When Fox News and talk radio host Glenn Beck comes to Washington this weekend to headline a rally intended to "restore honor" to America, he will test the strength — and potentially expose the weaknesses — of a conservative grassroots movement that remains an unpredictable force in the country's politics.

Beck, who is both admired and assailed for his faith-based patriotism and his brash criticism of President Obama, plans in part to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. as an American hero. He will speak on the anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech, from the spot where King delivered it.

Some "tea party" activists say the event, at which former Alaska governor Sarah Palin is also scheduled to speak, will have a greater impact than last September's "9/12" march along Pennsylvania Avenue. Though the attendance figures for that anti-tax rally are disputed, it was the first national gathering to demonstrate the size and influence of the tea party movement.

But with just a few days before the Beck rally, basic questions linger, including how big it will be and whether the event, which Beck says is nonpolitical, will help or hurt Republicans in November. Also unanswered is whether Beck can pull off the connection to King without creating offense — or confrontation with another event the same day led by the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Beck said in a recent broadcast that he did not intentionally choose the "I Have a Dream" anniversary for his rally — but that he believes the coincidence is "divine providence."

The rally, which is also being billed as a tribute to U.S. troops, will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Video screens and sound towers will be positioned along the reflecting pool and as far east as the Washington Monument.

Beck is expecting as many as 100,000 people and is heavily promoting his event. Sharpton expects a smaller number for an annual commemoration of the "Dream" speech, which begins at 11 a.m. at Dunbar High School in Northwest. It will continue with a march to the planned King memorial, placing participants of both events in close proximity. **AMY GARDNER (TWP)**

RICHARD DREW/AP

Glenn Beck says the timing of Saturday's rally was a matter of "devine providence."

"If you read Dr. King's speech, it just doesn't gel with what Mr. Beck or Mrs. Palin are representing."

— **THE REV. AL SHARPTON,** REACTING TO CONSERVATIVE TALK SHOW HOST GLENN BECK'S PLANNED RALLY AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL ON SATURDAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S FAMOUS "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH AT THE SAME LOCATION.

Host Your Own Rally

About 60 percent of applications for rallies on the Mall are for "First Amendment activities." Such activities are defined as demonstrations, religious services and events designed to draw a crowd and express an viewpoint, according to federal law. A $50 application fee is required to apply, and about 3,000 permits are issued annually by the National Park Service. **(TWP)**

In Brief

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

15 Injured After Airplane Blows Tires, Lands Hard

A JetBlue airplane blew its tires Thursday while landing in Sacramento, causing minor injuries to 15 passengers, airport officials said. The Airbus A320 landed just before 1 p.m. after a flight from Long Beach. The plane appeared to experience trouble with its brakes, the airline said. The 86 passengers were removed from the plane by inflatable slides, then taken to the terminal by buses.

ALBANY, N.Y.

Gov. Paterson May Face Charges Over Tickets

A special investigation has concluded that Gov. David Paterson's testimony about his plans to pay for World Series tickets last year was "inaccurate and misleading" and warrants consideration of criminal charges by a prosecutor. In a report Thursday, former state Chief Judge Judith Kaye noted four of five tickets were paid for shortly afterward, following a press inquiry. Commission staff recommended last week that Paterson should be fined more than $90,000 in civil penalties for soliciting and accepting the tickets in violation of ethics law. **(AP)**

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Stabbing Fuels Tension

N.Y. mayor attempts to calms fears after attack on cab driver

New York

A Muslim cab driver whose face and throat were slashed in a suspected hate crime attack appeared with Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday as city officials sought to ease tensions in the debate over a plan to put a mosque near the site of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Meanwhile, investigators sought to unravel contradictions in the life of the suspect, a baby-faced college student who had traveled to Afghanistan with a group that seeks to promote interfaith understanding.

The Bangladeshi driver, Ahmed H. Sharif, said the proposed mosque and Islamic center north of the World Trade Center site did not come up in his conversation with the passenger who allegedly used a folding knife to slash Sharif's neck and face after asking whether he was a Muslim.

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Cab driver Ahmed Sharif speaks during a media conference in New York Thursday.

"Of course it was for my religion. He attacked me after he knew I was a Muslim," Sharif said at a news conference at City Hall.

Bloomberg said it is impossible to know the motive of the attack. But he made a pointed connection to the debate about the planned Islamic center, which has ignited intense emotions worldwide.

"This should never have happened and hopefully won't happen again," Bloomberg said. "Hopefully, people will understand that we can have a discourse. That's what the First Amendment is all about. That's what America is all about."

Passenger Michael Enright, of Brewster, N.Y., remained jailed without bail on charges of attempted murder and assault as hate crimes, and weapons possession. SARA KUGLER FRAZIER AND TOM HAYS (AP)

Mehlman's Revelation Stirs Same-Sex Debate

Washington

Supporters of same-sex marriage have a new and unexpected advocate: Ken Mehlman, the former chairman of the Republican National Committee and manager of President George W. Bush's 2004 reelection campaign.

Mehlman

Mehlman, now a private citizen and businessman, disclosed this week that he is gay. The timing of the revelation coincides with his participation in a September fundraiser for the American Foundation for Equal Rights, a group that advocates for same-sex marriage.

"It's something I wish I had come to terms with earlier," he said in a telephone conversation Thursday morning. "It has made me a happier and better person. But I wish I had had the courage to have spoken out earlier."

Mehlman is among the most prominent Republican officials to say that he is gay. His is an announcement of the most personal nature and yet, because of who he is and the intensity of the debate over same-sex marriage, one with potential political implications. It is also one that, at least initially, will provoke potentially difficult questions from his critics. (TWP)

Salmonella Find Links Two Iowa Farms to Recall

Washington

Food and Drug Administration officials say they have found positive samples of salmonella that link two Iowa farms to a massive egg recall.

FDA officials said Thursday that investigators found salmonella in chicken feed at Wright County Egg that was used by that farm and also Hillandale Farms. They also found samples of salmonella in other locations at Wright County Egg.

And West Virginia State Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass says eggs that are part of the multistate recall have been found in West Virginia. (AP)

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Taliban's Grip May Be Spreading

Afghan trepidation grows as insurgency moves north, west

Kabul, Afghanistan

Eight Afghan police gunned down at a checkpoint. Campaign workers kidnapped. Spanish trainers shot dead on their base.

A spurt of violence this week in provinces far from the Taliban's main southern strongholds suggests the insurgency is spreading, even as the top U.S. commander insists the coalition has reversed the militants' momentum in key areas of the ethnic Pashtun south where the Islamist movement was born.

Attacks in the north and west of the country — though not militarily significant — demonstrate that the Taliban are becoming a threat across wide areas of Afghanistan even as the United States and its partners mount a major effort to turn the tide of the nearly 9-year-old war in the south.

In an interview aired Monday by the British Broadcasting Corp., top U.S. and NATO commander Gen. David Petraeus said NATO forces had reversed the momentum the Taliban gained in recent years in the southern provinces of Helmand and Kandahar and in the Kabul area. He said coalition forces would regain momentum in other areas later, although tough fighting lies ahead. **ROBERT H. REID (AP)**

BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

A U.S. Army soldier patrols south Afghanistan, the Taliban movement's birthplace.

Karzai Scolds U.S.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday that President Obama's timeline for withdrawing troops was aiding insurgents and also suggested that the United States must do more to force Pakistan to stop supporting the Taliban. In one statement, Karzai said that despite the "outstanding progress" that has been made in reconstruction, "we haven't progressed in the war against terrorism." **(AP)**

In Brief

MIR ALI, PAKISTAN

Militants Hint That More Attacks Could Be Coming

The Taliban hinted Thursday they may launch attacks against foreigners helping Pakistan respond to the worst floods in the country's history, saying their presence was "unacceptable." The U.N. said it would not be deterred by violent threats. **(AP)**

CALCUTTA, INDIA

Mother Teresa Honored

Hundreds of nuns, bishops and volunteers attended a Mass on Thursday marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa, the selfless nun who dedicated her life to serving the sick and poor in India. A festival of films on her life and work and the launch of a new train called the Mother Express were among events planned to mark the yearlong anniversary. **(AP)**

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As Carter Arrives, Kim Visits China

Unusual trip could prevent meeting with the N. Korean leader

Jilin, China

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il has turned up in China in a strangely timed visit for the reclusive leader while former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is in North Korea trying to win the release of an imprisoned American.

It marked Kim's second trip to China in three months — unusual for a man who never flies and travels only by armored train.

South Korean media and regional analysts said he may be seeking Chinese aid following flooding in his impoverished country's northwest — and could be laying the diplomatic ground work for the succession of his son, who is thought to be traveling with him.

In any case, it was unclear whether he would return in time for a meeting with Carter, an elder statesman well-regarded in North Korea despite the two countries' longtime animosity. Carter met with Kim's father, late President Kim Il Sung, on his last trip to Pyongyang in 1994 — a warm meeting that led to a landmark nuclear disarmament deal.

Analysts said Carter and Kim could still meet Friday, after Kim returns to Pyongyang and before Carter's departure. DAVID WIVELL (AP)

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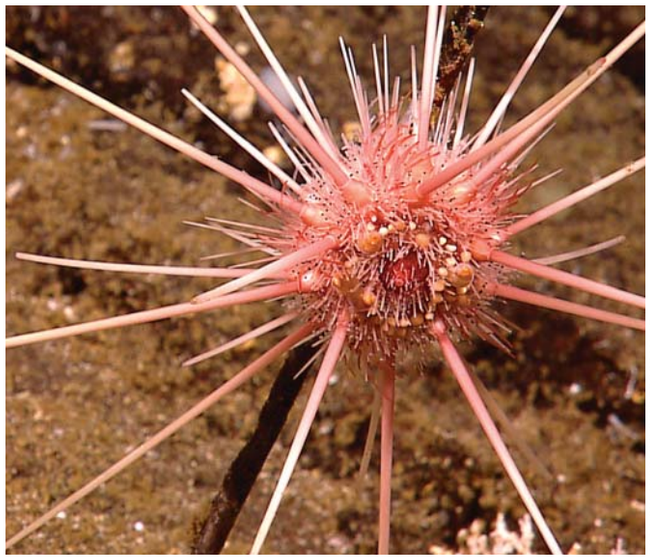
Kim Jong Il arrived in China Thursday for his second visit in three months.

New Marine Life Discovered in Indonesia



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Metrobus Adds Cameras

Transit system outfits entire fleet in effort to monitor operators

Washington

Metro is installing cameras on its entire fleet of 1,500 buses as part of a five-year, $3 million program to monitor driving by bus operators and improve safety, transit officials said Wednesday.

The new camera system will be focused on drivers as well as activity outside the bus. The cameras record constantly during bus operations, but when a driver makes any extreme movement — such as turning the bus sharply or accelerating quickly — the cameras capture 12 seconds before the incident and four seconds after the event.

The video and audio of the incident is then automatically downloaded off the bus wirelessly when the bus returns to the garage.

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New cameras will be set specifically to mark footage of extreme bus movements.

Metro already has security cameras installed on more than 1,000 buses that are aimed in front of the bus as well as at passenger areas and are intended to document and deter accidents, crimes and conflicts, Metro spokesman Reggie Woodruff said. However, the existing cameras require that the video be retrieved within a couple of days or it is recorded over.

"If a driver is showing less attention, with hands not always on the wheel, we can use it as training," Jack Requa, assistant general manager of bus services said. "Because the operator knows the camera will be watching him or her, they will try to minimize the times the system is triggered, and it will lead them to be more alert."

ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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9:30 Club Launches Record Label

Washington

Washington's popular 9:30 Club music venue is launching its own record label called 9:30 Records.

Seth Hurwitz, the chairman of concert promoter I.M.P. and co-owner of the 9:30 Club, announced Wednesday that singer-songwriter Justin Jones will be the label's first artist. Jones, a Virginia native, is managed by Hurwitz.

Hurwitz says the traditional record business is in disarray, so he decided to start a record label to help promote Jones. A launch party is set for Sept. 16. (AP)

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Fans lineup outside the 9:30 Club for a Michael Jackson tribute show in 2009.

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24% The percentage of Lower Ninth Ward reisdents who have returned.

55% The percentage of rebuilt homes in middle-class Pontchartrain Park.

"Many low-cost apartments are gone with the wind and the water. Now, we're left with New York rents on New Orleans wages."

— **LAURA TUGGLE,** THE OUTGOING MANAGING ATTORNEY OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES, ON THE REGION'S DRAMATIC SPIKE IN HOUSING PRICES

The flooded and now abandoned Press Park housing projects are seen on Thursday in New Orleans. On Sunday, President Obama will help mark the five-year anniversary of when Hurricane Katrina struck the gulf.

Recovery Far From Over

In New Orleans, a stark class divide remains five years after Hurricane Katrina

New Orleans

The massive government effort to recover from Hurricane Katrina fortified vulnerable levees, rebuilt hundreds of public buildings, reconstructed miles of roads and bridges, and provided tens of thousands of residents with money to help piece together their shattered lives.

But the $120 billion federally funded endeavor, called one of the largest reconstruction projects in history, is also fostering a stark divide as the rebuilding programs were structured by state governments in Louisiana and Mississippi in ways that often offered the most government help to residents who were the most affluent.

The result has been an uneven recovery that is transforming this city, with whites and middle-class and upper-income people much more likely than blacks and low-income people to have rebuilt their lives after the horrific storm.

"The recovery is really the tale of two recoveries," said James Perry, executive director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center.

The disparity is reflected in residents' views about the pace of recovery. A recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that while seven in 10 New Orleans residents say the rebuilding process is "going in the right direction," a third say their lives are still disrupted by the storm.

African Americans are more than twice as likely as whites to say they have not yet recovered five years after Katrina, the survey found. And blacks in the city are two and half times more likely to be low-income than whites.

Edward Randolph's home was swamped by the storm, propelling his family on a years-long odyssey that took them to Port Arthur, Texas, Houston and Arkansas. They didn't return to their still damaged home until 2008.

A federally funded rebuilding program established by Louisiana officials, called Road Home, offered homeowners rebuilding grants of up to $150,000. But homeowners could not collect more than the pre-storm value of their homes from the state, regardless of the cost of repairs from the catastrophic flooding.

The Randolph home was valued at just $135,000, although repair costs were estimated by the state to be $308,000. The Randolphs were awarded a grant of $16, 649, to supplement just over $100,000 they received in insurance payments. "We know we have a lot to do, but we just do not have the money to do it," said Randolph, a disabled Vietnam veteran.

Earlier this month, a federal judge ruled that program's formula for calculating grants discriminates against black homeowners, who tend to live in neighborhoods with lower home values. The discriminatory formula left the unfortunate homeowners with unbridgeable gap between the cost of repairs and what they collected from their insurance companies and the government. The state has said it would appeal the ruling.

Many of these simmering issues will not be visible when President Obama arrives here on Sunday to mark the fifth anniversary of the storm that killed more than 1,800, uprooted more than a million Gulf Coast residents, and left 80 percent of this city submerged under murky floodwaters.

Obama's visit is instead expected to underscore the president's support for a region still reeling from not just from Katrina, but also from the largest oil spill in the nation's history, which is threatening the region's immediate economic future.

A coalition of Gulf Coast business and political leaders formed a coalition this week aimed at holding Obama to his promise to restore the Gulf Coast. **MICHAEL A. FLETCHER (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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In Mississippi, many residents face what advocates call a similar inequity to that in New Orleans. The state diverted close to $1 billion to help utilities rebuild, to subsidize the state's insurance system and the port and other economic development projects. Meanwhile, more than $3 billion distributed by the state's housing recovery program went disproportionately to more affluent residents. (TWP)

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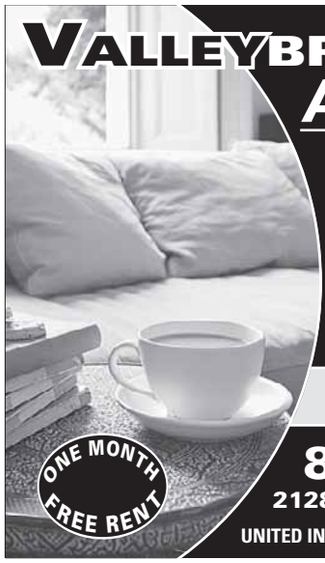

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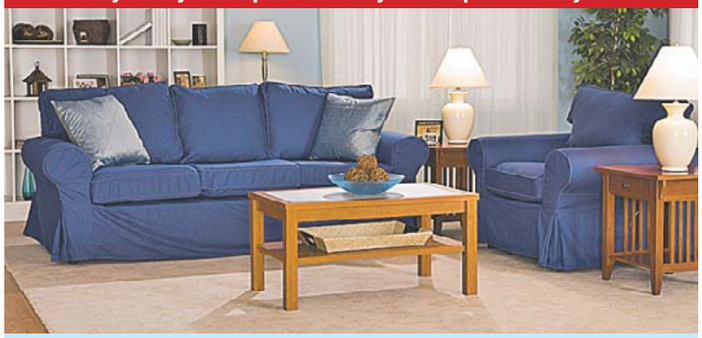

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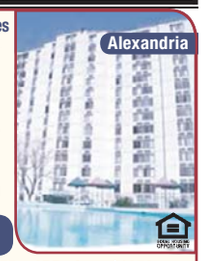

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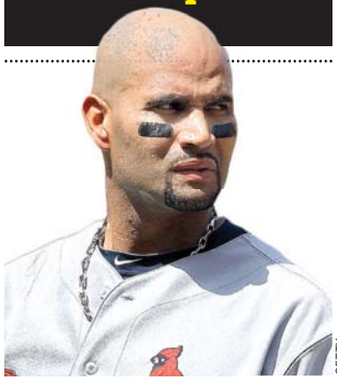

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Former NL MVP Albert Pujols leads the Cardinals against the Nats this weekend.

Friday

7 P.M. The Washington Mystics try to stay alive with a win over the Atlanta Dream in Game 2 of their playoff series. NBATV

7 P.M. Albert Pujols leads the St. Louis Cardinals against the Washington Nationals. MASN

7 P.M. Rex Grossman will start at quarterback when the Redskins take on the New York Jets in a preseason game. NBC4

Saturday

NOON The U.S. men's national basketball team plays Croatia in the World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. ESPNClassic

7 P.M. The Nats take on the Cardinals in Game 3 of a four-game set. MASN

8 P.M. In the battle for Texas pride, the Cowboys visit the Texans. CBS

Sunday

1:30 P.M. The Nats wrap up their series against the Cards. DC50

3 P.M. Good Counsel High School gets the national spotlight in a football game against St. Xavier (Ohio). ESPN

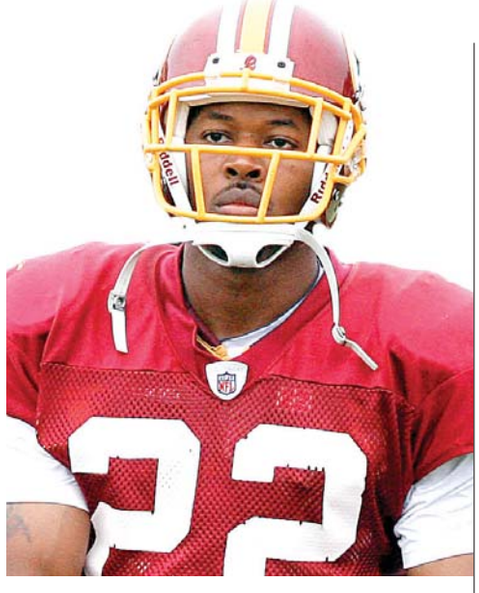
3 P.M. The Little League World series concludes with the championship game. ABC

4 P.M. The Mystics host the Atlanta Dream in Game 3 of their playoff series, if necessary. NBATV

10 P.M. After last week's win, D.C. United visits Chivas USA. ESPN2

GOING ON THE ATTACK

We get it: Albert Haynesworth is a large, disgruntled guy with a pimped-out boat who may have a muscular disorder none of us can pronounce. But for Redskins fans who prefer on-field results to preseason spats, Washington's brain trust believes it has a good reason for making its $100 million man angry. The switch to a 3-4 defense — which was a catalyst in the Haynesworth-Mike Shanahan cold war — is intended to produce more turnovers, something the Redskins were starved for last season. Having one less defensive lineman and one extra linebacker is supposed to add flexibility to a base defense, sacrificing some beef up front for more speed and versatility from sideline-to-sideline. Here's how it will work. ERIC BRANDNER

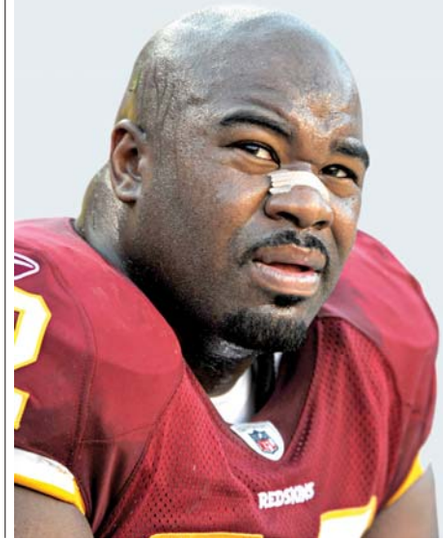


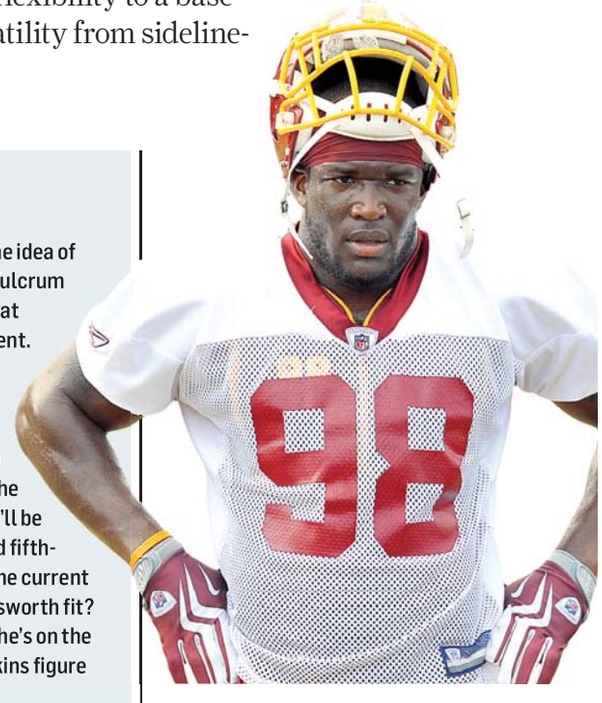
Defensive Backs

If the first two units do their jobs, the defensive backfield should benefit by taking advantage of opposing quarterbacks' mistakes and hauling in more turnovers. That could be on display Friday night when Washington travels north to New Meadowlands Stadium to play the New York Jets and second-year quarterback Mark Sanchez. Presumed starting cornerbacks **Carlos Rogers** and DeAngelo Hall — the latter of whom got lockdown cornerback money last offseason — will be looked to not just for tight coverage, but for interceptions (the team had just 11 picks last season). Safety LaRon Landry will also be relied upon to create big plays at the back. "Being able to play in different coverages instead of playing a lot of man gives you an opportunity to get more turnovers," Rogers said.

Defensive Line

Haynesworth initially resisted the idea of playing nose tackle, which is the fulcrum of any 3-4 and also the position that takes the most physical punishment. Ma'ake Kemoeatu is the current No. 1 on the depth chart at nose, and he'll be relied upon to take up at least two blockers each play to free up the linebackers, who are the natural playmakers in any 3-4. He'll be bookended by Adam Carricker and fifth-year Redskin Kendric Golston — the current first-teamers. Where does Haynesworth fit? All three positions, potentially, if he's on the opening night roster, as the Redskins figure to rotate linemen.





Linebackers

This is where successful 3-4s thrive. Perhaps the best example is in Pittsburgh, where the Steelers spent the last decade piling up sacks with fast, tough linebackers coming off the edge, and earned two Super Bowl rings in the process. The Redskins are hoping to start something like that with bookends **BRIAN ORAKPO** and **ANDRE CARTER**, who combined for 22 sacks last season. In the middle, longtime tackle machine **LONDON FLETCHER** will likely pair with **ROCKY MCINTOSH**. The linebackers' ability to both confuse defenses in coverage and keep pressure on the opposing quarterback will dictate how successful the defense is this season. "[We've got to] keep continuing to create turnovers and get off the field when we need to," Orakpo said this week.

Strasburg Watch

A Second Look At a New Injury

The Nationals were set to get their clearest indication yet about the status of Stephen Strasburg's treasured right arm after the 22-year-old rookie underwent an arthrogram exam — a more intricate version of an MRI — on Thursday. The Nationals will not receive the results until Friday, results the team says will determine the course of action they take with Strasburg for the rest of the season.

The Nationals have labeled Strasburg's affliction a flexor tendon strain in is his right forearm. Recovery from that injury includes simple rest and rehab, according to one major league team doctor, and does not require surgery. The arthogram will reveal if anything else is amiss with Strasburg's forearm/elbow area. Earlier this season, Nationals starter John Lannan suffered from a flexor tendon strain but did not receive the second MRI. He missed only one start but fell into poor mechanical habits.

Strasburg, while also throwing on a five-day rotation for the first time, has never thrown this many innings — 123 1/3 between the minors and majors — in a such a short period of time. The enhanced, unfamiliar workload makes any young starter fatigue and often, the doctor said, a callow pitcher will respond by altering his mechanics and over-throwing so he doesn't lose velocity. **(TWP)**

Life on the String

As usual, the Nats enter the last month with little to play for

The Nationals

There's only one thing more depressing for a ballplayer than opening the newspaper, looking at the standings and seeing your team mired in last place with little hope for a better finish. What?

Looking at the calendar and seeing more than a month left in the season. For the Nationals, this is their challenge yet again. A cellar-dwelling team for most of its existence, Washington hasn't played meaningful September baseball since the first season after baseball returned to the city in 2005.

> **"I know our guys are playing hard. ... The intensity is there. The hurt is there. We're suffering."**
>
> — NATS MANAGER JIM RIGGLEMAN

And with the Nationals mired in a slide includes losing five of the last six series, manager Jim Riggleman gathered his team this week after a demoralizing loss to the Chicago Cubs to remind them that the season is far from over.

"The message was that it's a 162-game schedule," he said. "Let's play every inning, every ballgame, every day, every week, multiple weeks. Let's play it all-out, take advantage of every opportunity and let's just scratch out every win we can. That's why you signed up. Let's finish it out."

The bright spots are few but nevertheless present.

Third baseman Ryan Zimmerman is batting over .320 in August, shortstop Ian Desmond is hitting over .350 this month and settling in as a legitimate No. 2 hitter, and the bullpen hasn't missed a beat since All-Star closer Matt Capps was traded in late July.

But the rotation is floundering — of the starters, only John Lannan has a win in the last three weeks — and slugger Adam Dunn has descended into a deep and strike-out-filled slump.

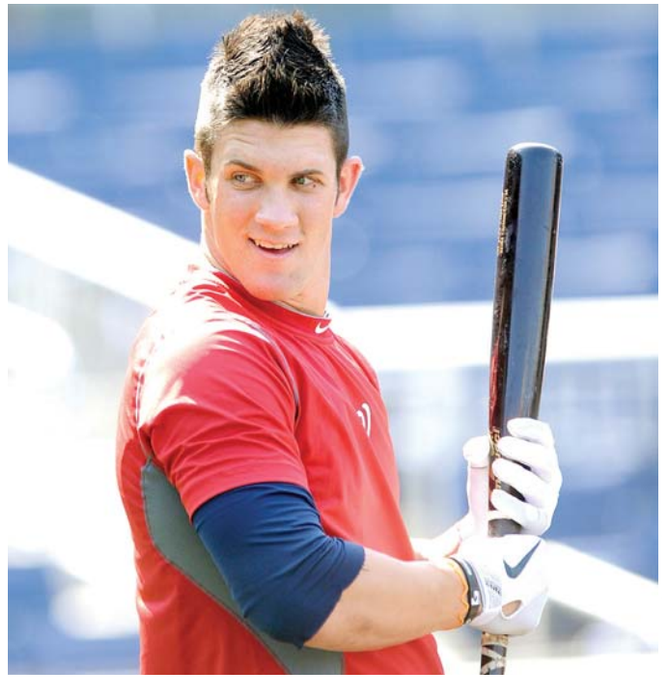
With rosters set to expand on Sept. 1, the final weeks of the season offer a chance to gauge the character of the veteran leaders and evaluate the readiness of top prospects.

Right-hander Jordan Zimmermann made his season debut on Thursday night and other potential 2011 contributors, such as right-hander Yunesky Maya, catcher Wilson Ramos and infielder Danny Espinosa, could be among the call-ups.

"We're trying to win games," general manager Mike Rizzo said in a MASN television interview this week. "That's first and foremost in our minds. We want to keep improving each and every week ... and really see where we're at with our core group of young players."

DEREK TURNER

Harper Makes a Grand Entrance



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NATIONALS NO. 1 PICK BRYCE HARPER takes a break from batting practice Thursday. In town for his introductory press conference, the 17-year-old sported a mohawk while hitting several homers, including one into the upper deck.

In Brief

AP

Federer has won five U.S. Open titles.

TENNIS

Federer Gets Tough Draw

If Roger Federer is going to reach a seventh consecutive U.S. Open title match, he might need to get past Robin Soderling — in a possible quarterfinal match set up during Thursday's draw. The top-seeded woman, 2009 runner-up Caroline Wozniacki, could face 2006 champion Maria Sharapova in the fourth round and 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarterfinals. **(AP)**

BASKETBALL

Krstic Suspended Three Games for Chair Tossing

Nenad Krstic of the Oklahoma City Thunder has been suspended for Serbia's next three games for throwing a chair during last week's brawl with Greece. Basketball's governing body said Thursday that three other players will miss two games. FIBA also fined both national federations. **(AP)**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

USC Loses 2004 Trophy

Southern California has been stripped of the 2004 Grantland Rice Trophy, which is awarded by the Football Writers Association of America to the nation's top college football team. The organization voted to revoke the honor after USC was penalized for NCAA violations. **(AP)**

PRO BASKETBALL

Ferry Back With Spurs

Danny Ferry is returning to the San Antonio Spurs. The former general manager for the Cavaliers will be vice president of basketball operations for the Spurs. He will be reunited with coach Gregg Popovich and general manager R.C. Buford after leaving for Cleveland in 2005. **(AP)**

COURT DATES

Officials at the federal courthouse in Washington, D.C., say that seven-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens will be arraigned on Monday afternoon on criminal charges. The former pitcher will appear before U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton for allegedly lying to Congress about his use of steroids. Last week, Clemens was indicted on perjury charges after he told lawmakers that he never used performance-enhancing drugs. **(AP)**

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Tiger Woods' Sad State of Affairs

Woe is Tiger Woods. He's going through "a sad time" in his life. The poor thing.

With his inevitable divorce official, Woods was once again on the golf course Thursday trying to resurrect his game. For one round, he did — firing a 6-under 65 at the Barclays. Can Woods keep it up all weekend? It's doubtful. And that's what it has come down to for the world's best golfer.

By Matt Swenson

Before he teed off at the Masters earlier this year, I said Woods would be wise to shut it down for the whole year.

The circus atmosphere surely made things harder on him and his family.

Overcoming the cloud hanging over his head would trigger memories of just how good he is.

My guess is he went out and played not because it's his job but because he was hoping to somehow pull out a tournament victory. That would usher in some good press, at least temporarily, and remind the public just why he's so famous.

What separated Woods from everyone else was how dominant he was in his sport. Overcoming the cloud hanging over his head would trigger memories of just how good he is. The problem is golf demands extreme focus and tremendous confidence.

How could Woods have either?

The divorce must have taken attention off the course. And all Woods need do is look in the mirror to see who brought all of this on himself.

Poor Tiger, indeed.

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Freedom Finds a Winning Touch

Playoffs are in reach after team overcomes recent 10-game slide

Soccer

RICKY CARIOTI/TWP

Jim Gabarra, the only coach in the Washington Freedom's history, was under fire after the team went on a 10-game winless streak.

Three weeks ago, the Washington Freedom was in freefall and Jim Gabarra's job was in very public jeopardy. He is the only coach the club has ever known, taking it to the playoffs in five of its six league seasons and winning two championships.

But this year, its second in Women's Professional Soccer, has been difficult. In early August, Gabarra was forced to defend his position and present a plan for change to GM Mark Washo as the Freedom went 10 games without a win.

"We're in a results business. You lose five in a row, your job is in jeopardy," Gabarra said. "I was in a situation with players who had never gone through such a hard time and we were searching for answers."

Gabarra brought in a consultant, Emma Hayes, who previously had coached in Chicago, while long-time assistant Clyde Watson resigned. Gabarra also asked his high-flying team to focus more on defense. "Let's try to forget about winning every game and let's just be tough to beat," he told them. "We'll get a goal through Abby [Wambach] or a set play."

"We are fighting for a shot at the playoffs right now, and our players know what is at stake this weekend."

— WASHINGTON FREEDOM HEAD COACH **JOE GABARRA**, AS THE TEAM PREPARES TO HOST SKY BLUE FC SATURDAY FOR A FINAL WPS PLAYOFF POSITION

The Freedom defeated Philadelphia on Aug. 4, Gabarra successfully presented his plan to early the following week, then they earned draws against defending champ New Jersey and league-leading Bay Area before beating Chicago last weekend.

Now in the fourth and final playoff position at 6-8-7, the Freedom will look to cement its spot in a three-game stretch beginning Saturday at Germantown's Maryland SoccerPlex against New Jersey (7-9-4).

Gabarra cited scheduling difficulties (the club played eight of 10 on the road), youth and injuries as key contributors to the slide. But Wambach now has 10 goals, and rookie goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris has been sensational since getting the job last month, yielding just one goal in the past four games.

"We didn't play that much better against Philly. We had a couple of breaks, a couple of chances, and they went in," Gabarra said. "Sometimes it's the simplest thing that turns around the mentality, and now we've built off that." **BRIAN STRAUS**

Woods Looks Like His Old Self for a Round

Golf

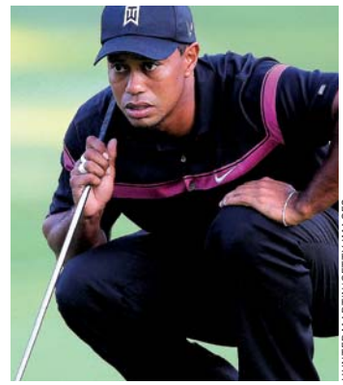
Tiger Woods finally looked like the No. 1 player in the world.

In his first tournament since his divorce, Woods played his best round of the year Thursday at The Barclays by missing only one fairway, putting for birdie on all but two holes and shooting a 6-under 65 for his lowest score all season.

"It feels good to be able to control my ball all day like this," Woods said.

He wound up atop the leaderboard with Vaughn Taylor among the early starters. Woods has not led after any round since he won the Australian Masters last year, and he hasn't been atop the leaderboard on the PGA Tour since the second round of the Tour Championship.

So much has changed since then — the car crash after Thanksgiving night, details of adultery, five months away from the game and a broken marriage, which officially ended Monday.



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Tiger Woods shot a 6-under 65 for his lowest score of the year on Thursday.

His golf hasn't been very good either, which is why Woods began the FedEx Cup playoffs 112th out of 125 players who qualified.

He was so low down the list that he was first to tee off under a sunny sky at Ridgewood, the first time he's done that in his PGA Tour career.

It worked to his advantage.

"With fresh greens, everybody in our group was making putts on the front nine," Woods said. "You had to get it today."

And he did. **DOUG FERGUSON (AP)**

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KEVIN DIETSCH

Rebecca Rosen, left, and her husband, Zach Teutsch, garden using soil produced by a composting device that they keep in their Columbia Heights kitchen.

Natural Wonders In Urban Environs

New services simplify composting in the city

Lifestyles

The squat gray box sat next to the fridge, about 2 feet tall and unassuming.

Rebecca Rosen popped the lid open and dropped in some shredded lettuce.

That lettuce, along with carrots, celery and banana peels was about to become dirt.

Composting — turning organic waste such as kitchen scraps and grass clippings into soil — is as old as the hills, which are likely made of someone's ancient kitchen scraps and grass clippings. But until recently, it remained the purview of suburbanites and rural dwellers who had the space to construct big bins or erect tumblers. For the urban citizen, finding the space for nature to work its magic has been tough.

Until recently. A batch of new products and services aim to make the process of turning leftovers into dirt easy enough for the average urbanite.

That's what Rosen, 26, and her husband, Zach Teutsch, 27, wanted for their Columbia Heights home. "We knew we wanted a composter," Rosen says, but after researching all the options available, the couple found themselves a bit overwhelmed. They decided to add one to their wedding registry. A generous friend surprised them with a NatureMill, a $300 device that fits in a kitchen, doesn't

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City Composting

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smell (with the lid on, anyway) and turns 120 pounds of food per month into 36 pounds or less of nitrogen-rich soil, which they use in their garden.

"I love it," says Teutsch, who is a program director at a private college. "There's something amazing about putting food waste, that looks like food into a box — and then you open it up and it's soil. It just seems absolutely magical."

The NatureMill isn't without its limitations: for one, it costs $300 for the basic model. Two, it uses a little electricity to heat the food, which helps it break down. (NatureMill says the composter uses 5 kilowatt-hours per month, or less than a garbage truck would burn to haul the stuff away.) For those looking for a different solution, Jeremy Brosowsky thinks he has the answer.

Brosowsky is an entrepreneur whose latest idea involves people paying him to take away their garbage — food scraps, actually. Compost Cab (Compostcab.com), which launched recently in the District, costs $8 per week, per home. The service provides users with a bin and weekly pickup, and all food scraps go to Engaged Community Offshoots, a nonprofit farm in Prince George's County, for composting. After nine months, if customers want some dirt back, it's theirs. Otherwise, the soil is used at ECO to support sustainable urban agriculture projects.

A third option for those without backyards is to just give away table scraps. "You'd be surprised" at how many neighbors would be willing to accept compostables, says Cindy Olson, of environmental sustainability advisory firm Eco-Coach, Inc. (Eco-coach.com). She teaches a monthly composting class at eco-minded shop Greater Goods (1626 U St. NW; 202-449-6070), and does her own composting in the backyard of her Van Ness home. "I have a lot of neighbors giving things to me because they know I have a composting system," Olson says.

"I don't harbor any illusion that our composting is going to stop climate change. It's just one very small, minor impact for me."

— **ZACH TEUTSCH,** COLUMBIA HEIGHTS RESIDENT WHO COMPOSTS

PHOTOS BY KEVIN DIETSCH

Jeremy Brosowsky, above, launched Compost Cab, a service that picks up District residents' food scraps and transports the waste to a nonprofit farm in Prince George's County. Later, customers can receive their soil for use in their gardens.

Common Good City Farm (Second and V streets NW; Commongoodcityfarm.org) also accepts most kitchen scraps during farm hours. Just bring a baggie or bucket full of leftovers and the staff will help you with the rest, according to the Farm's website. Or check the Sharing Backyards Network (Dc.sharingbackyards.com) for a backyard garden near you. If the neighbors have a big garden, chances are they can't get enough free fertilizer.

Finally, if you're lucky enough to have a porch or balcony, or brave enough to compost indoors, you can do the waste-to-soil transformation the old-fashioned way. Advocates say it's not really as hard as it sounds. One of the more popular methods is vermicomposting, or using a "worm bin."

"If you had a pound of worms, they could probably eat half a pound of food scraps a day," says Kaitlin Rienzo-Stack, who is a certified master composter in the District (which means she's taken hours of classes and spent time passing the knowledge on to others).

And don't worry about the worms "escaping." "The thing is, worms want to be in a warm, dark environment. They don't want to leave," Rienzo-Stack says. Setting up a worm bin takes a bit of know-how if you don't want to kill the little wrigglers, but experts agree it's one of the best ways to compost inside. Your only outlay is a place to keep them — which can be anything as low-tech as a plastic bin or as high-tech as a multi-layered "worm condo," with separate tiers to help keep fresh compost separate from brand-new banana peels. The worms come via mail-order, a thousand at a time, wriggling to your door.

As long as you refrain from throwing meat, dairy or grease into your bin (something most systems prohibit), bugs and pests won't give your trash a second glance.

And no matter what you're doing, the stuff in your bin should be odor-free: "There shouldn't be a sour smell or a rotting smell," Olson says. "That means you have too much water, not enough air."

Advocates say that once most people try composting, they're hooked. Olson grew up composting as a kid, using a pitchfork to aerate the pile in her folks' backyard. Teutsch grew up composting, too, in Philadelphia, and he and Rosen both continued to do so in college.

"I don't harbor any illusion that our composting is going to stop climate change," Teutsch says. "It's just one very small, minor impact for me, but it's an awesome experience to be part of this process which has probably been going on since the dawn of time."

RACHEL KAUFMAN

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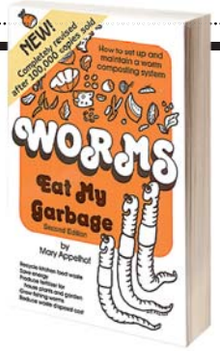
Transform Your Trash

Ready to turn orange peels into fertilizer? These items help simplify the process of composting for even the most space-challenged apartment dwellers. R.K.

NatureMill
This is the king of at-home compost solutions, with a price tag to match. Unlike traditional compost systems, it will accept meat, dairy, grease and even pet waste (for non-food crops). ($300, NATUREMILL.COM OR GREATER GOODS)

BioBag
Throw your scraps in here in the kitchen, then carry the bag to the community compost heap. The bag will break down in the soil, too. ($22 FOR 100, AMAZON.COM OR WHOLE FOODS)



'Worms Eat My Garbage'
This illustrated book teaches both kids and adults the ins and outs of worm composting. ($13, AMAZON.COM)

Worms-Wrangler
Give your worms comfy digs with the Worms-Wrangler Gusanito Worm Composter. If you have extra veggies, add tiers to the top. The worms leave the lower tiers when your compost is done, so just dump it on your garden. ($89, GREATER GOODS OR WORMSWRANGLER.COM)

RSVP Compost Pail
If you're looking for a cuter way to hold on to celery ends and carrot tops between trips to the compost pile, this short-term storage pail is your pal. It comes with filters to reduce odors, and holes for aeration. ($38, GREATER GOODS)

Real Illusions of Grandeur

Space: the final frontier — and the perennial problem for condo and townhouse owners. There's only so much that under-the-bed bags and stacking bins can do, and it's not easy to stash belongings in a way that doesn't disrupt carefully coordinated décor or a funky furniture setup. But there are plenty of ways to organize petite pads and to even create the appearance that they're more expansive than their teensy square footage suggests. Interior designer Marika Meyer of D.C.-based Meyer Interiors (Meyerinteriors.com) gave us some solutions to three common conundrums found in cramped city digs. While these tips won't help you deal with your enormous CD collection (and isn't it time to join the digital music age, anyway?), they'll have you perceiving greater space in your home. After all, seeing is believing.

Problem No. 1

Big Furniture Overwhelms A Tiny Room

When purchasing new furniture, Cherry Reid, 33, a Mount Pleasant condo owner and nonprofit administrator, worried that the furniture she needed in her 110-square-foot living room would feel crowded by a couch, a coffee table, two armchairs, two end tables and an entertainment center. She could fit in all of the pieces, but "I was concerned the pieces would make the room feel smaller," she says. With a cream-colored rug, Reid worried about spills and wanted plenty of surfaces for guests to put cups and glasses. "But wood tables seemed heavy in a small space," she says.

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Solution
Furnish With Glass And Lucite

Meyer suggests that homeowners worried about furniture overcrowding embrace a growing trend of using glass or clear Lucite to create a sense of greater space. She recently advised owners of a Glover Park townhouse to use a small Lucite desk as both a side table and a work space in order to minimize space-hogging furniture. "The Lucite table at the end of the sofa was great because the eye doesn't rest at the table but goes through it," she says.

Reid also found that transparent furniture — a glass coffee table with a bronze frame and matching side tables — lightened up her look, giving her living room "a sense of airiness that I didn't think I'd get." (Initially, however, Reid took the glass-and-Lucite concept a bit too far. She purchased a clear, plastic lamp with a narrow, white lampshade, and placed it on a glass side table. "It was a little too much space illusion," she says. "I didn't like how the lampshade and power cords hung in the air.")

When decorating with transparent materials, Meyer suggests that rooms retain some contrasting colors and textures. "Avoid placing a glass lamp in front of a window," she says. "It loses the impression of the glass, and you see a floating lampshade."

A wood table paired with Lucite chairs adds unexpected intrigue to a dining room and opens up the space, since the chairs aren't focal points in the room. But don't think about pairing a Lucite table with wood chairs. "Few of us want to look at our legs while we're eating," Meyer laughs.

Problem No. 2

Paint Dwarfs A Tight Space

Coloring the walls is one of the easiest and cheapest ways of changing the appearance of a room. Aware of the power of paint, Alison Bibbee, 39, wanted to turn the walls of her Capitol Hill condo, shown right, into a backdrop for her impressionistic artwork, but she didn't want to break out the rollers and drop sheets until she could be sure her new color would help her condo feel larger, not smaller. John Ford, 29, an attorney who owns a rowhouse in Friendship Heights, had the same fear. He favors dark colors, but worried that painting his living room walls midnight blue would visually shrink his space.

JASON HORNICK

A ONE-TONE COLOR SCHEME ON THE WALLS BRINGS A SENSE OF AIRINESS TO A SMALL CONDO OR TOWNHOUSE.

Solution

Stick to One Color or Vary the Shades of A Single Color

When painting a room, consistency is key. Use a single color across all wall surfaces so that "the eye doesn't feel like it's broken up," Meyer advises. Bibbee tested that philosophy, using Benjamin

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Moore's Mannequin Cream, a yellow-cream color, throughout her condo. The one-tone color scheme brought a sense of airiness to her condo. The color brightens the room but does not compete with Bibbee's paintings. "It unifies my home," Bibbee says.

In contrast, Ford chose to paint an accent wall in his desired shade. "Painting an entire room dark blue would make me feel a little claustrophobic," Ford says. "This way, I get some color without the panic attacks."

Alternately, instead of an accent wall, Meyer suggests slightly changing the spectrum of colors in a room, to either darker or lighter than the first shade; or simply embracing a dark color. While it may make a room feel smaller, adding elements such as strong lighting and mirrors can counterbalance that perception. Sconces and small recessed lights will also accent walls, making them feel much farther away than they are.

To add even more depth, Meyer advises homeowners to think outside (and above) the proverbial box. "I very subtly tint the ceiling with pale blue paint," she says. "I use Benjamin Moore's Iceberg, cutting it to about 30 percent. It creates the illusion that the ceiling height is higher — hands down, one of the best painting secrets."

Problem No. 3

A Room Lacking Light Feels Small

With a bedroom that faces north and tends to be dark even during the daytime, Mount Pleasant homeowner Cherry Reid wanted more natural light. She knew that mirrors are one of the oldest tricks in the book for making a room feel larger. But the key to mirrors' magic is in their placement, and Reid wasn't sure where to put hers. She worried about hanging them opposite her windows because of her ho-hum views. "It's trees, trees and more trees," she says.

Solution

Strategize With Mirror Placement

Mirrors "automatically create a bigger sense of space," says Meyer says, who suggests paying attention to the sight lines mirrors create. "Place mirrors perpendicular to windows," Meyer suggests. Hanging them "across from the window could create a glare situation. With perpendicular placement, some of the light in the room reflects off the mirror, and the view isn't straight out the window."

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Also, be careful when hanging reflective surfaces in dining spaces. "People do not want to see themselves eat," Meyer says.

An alternative to hanging traditional mirrors is showcasing a piece of shiny furniture, like a silver chest. Using a mirror with an unusual shape or frame, such as CB2's Spoke Mirror ($60, Cb2.com), left, would also work.

Reid used uniquely shaped mirrors in her bedroom and was pleased with the results. "I bought mirror segments shaped like a wave from Ikea and hung them horizontally across my wall," she says. Since the quirky statement pieces are displayed directly across the room from a window, they magnify the light in the bedroom. But because they're irregularly shaped, their sight line isn't a direct reflection of what's outside.

Mirrors tend to be a big-ticket item, but that doesn't mean you can't purchase and display dazzling wall art. Meyer shares this money-saving tip: "At flea markets, I look for gorgeous, one-of-a-kind frames and have mirrors cut for them. Look for a frame that speaks to you, and any local glass store can cut a mirror to fit the frame. It's less expensive." ROOPIKA RISAM

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Carve Out New Nooks

Built-in furnishings add quirky character to storage spaces

Design

Interior designer Betsy Burnham doesn't buy many bookcases these days. She's more likely to create built-in bookshelves for the homes she designs.

Ditto for custom-made desks, built-in beds, window seats and more.

"I find so many of my clients are really interested in built-ins," says Burnham, who is based in Los Angeles. "Anywhere there is a niche, we're considering the space as an opportunity to build in."

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The popularity of custom, built-in pieces may be a backlash against the cookie-cutter conformity of furniture at many major retailers. But for some homeowners, choosing a built-in piece is just practical: Small spare rooms or awkward spaces can take on new life when a built-in is added.

Custom-designed items may seem too costly to be practical. But if you make the right choices, says designer Brian Flynn, founder of Decordemon.com, "built-ins don't have to be expensive."

"Everybody hears 'custom' and they freak out," Flynn says, but it's possible to create something beautiful using lower-priced materials. And the cost of a built-in piece may be offset by what it adds to your home.

Small Area, Big Impact

"Built-ins are great for opening up possibilities in small spaces," says Atlanta-based interior designer Mallory Mathison. Depending on your needs and interests, she says, a small corner of your kitchen can become a wine closet, a children's "art closet," or even a built-in coffee station.

For those who love to cook, a custom-designed pantry might be worth the cost.

For others, a custom-built bedroom closet might improve the way each day begins.

A small home office can feel more professional with built-in shelving and cabinets.

And for teens or children, a built-in desk with strategically placed shelves can create a fun and efficient homework space.

BETSY BURNHAM

Custom built-in shelving is a great place to display treasured trinkets and books.

How to Save

"If people want to go the extra mile and go with walnut or high-end exotic wood, you can," Flynn says. But a custom interior for a walk-in closet can be done beautifully and affordably with stain-grade plywood trimmed with MDF (medium-density fiberboard), "which is like particleboard, but it's perfectly smooth and looks great painted."

A smaller closet in a guest room or an office can take on the feel of a built-in, Flynn says. Just remove the doors and use the Container Store's Elfa system to customize the space. "You only need a drill," he says, and the cost is kept down "because you do it yourself."

Open and Closed

Built-ins can show off your most precious items, but they're often prized for hiding clutter.

Custom shelves and cabinets flanking a fireplace offer prime space for displaying treasures, plus room for stashing things like toys that are used in a family room.

In kids' rooms, you may want a mix of open shelf space for display and closed space for stashing the inevitable mess.

A window seat in a child's room can offer seating plus hidden storage. Another option for kids' rooms, says Mathison: Adding a built-in trundle bed under a window seat means there's always room when friends visit. **MELISSA RAYWORTH (AP)**

Tidy Tips

Keep It Simple

Imagine never again having to turn your house upside down searching for keys. Or wondering where you filed your tax bill or a favorite recipe. Or having a closet stuffed with clothes but nothing to wear.

If this mental image makes you sigh with longing, the new book "Unstuff Your Life!" ($16, Avery Trade) might be your ticket. Professional organizer Andrew J. Mellen methodically and humorously walks the reader through a complete reorganization, promising "you will never again find yourself drowning in stuff." **(AP)**

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Online Chat

Do you know of any great online or local sources for fabrics? We have a really wide and tall alcove space and we want to hang fabric as a tapestry, but we aren't finding anything we like.

Here's a really great online resource for designer fabrics: Insidefabric.com. Locally, you could head up to Middelburg, Va., to visit Haute (Hauteonline.com), which has room after room of fabric bolts. You have to dig, but you can find some fantastic deals on designer fabrics.

My daughter is moving into the tiniest dorm room ever! What are your top three organizers for getting the most out of a 10.7-by-14.7-foot space that does not allow bed risers or the bunking of beds?

No bed risers or bunks! Wow. I would utilize under-the-bed plastic storage bins with lids. They will be about seven inches tall, so they should fit under a regular height bed. Use them for clothing, shoes, snacks and school supplies.

Do you have any suggestions about where to shop for great-looking shower curtains? An opportunity to redecorate the bath has arisen and I would love to do something really nice.

Home Rule (1807 14th St. NW) has really fun shower curtains. They have everything from world maps to black and white abstract designs to cool trees.

I have a good-sized pantry, but the shelving is driving me batty. I think it was a DIY by the last owner — Elfa-style wire shelves — and it just doesn't work. I'm contemplating having them redone. Any suggestions?

If you like the Elfa shelving, you can get help at the Container Store. They now have a service to install it for you. If you want to try to keep your existing shelves, try covering them with a plastic sheet liner. Then things won't fall over so easy. Also, you could purchase inexpensive plastic containers and sort your items into categories, which makes it much more organized.

We've been in our new home for a year now and still have not decorated our kids' playroom. I'm stymied about what needs to be in there. What do you consider essentials?

Most essential is storage. You've got to have some place to store those toys. Many places offer inexpensive storage units; try Target! Label everything with a word or picture, so your children will know where items belong.

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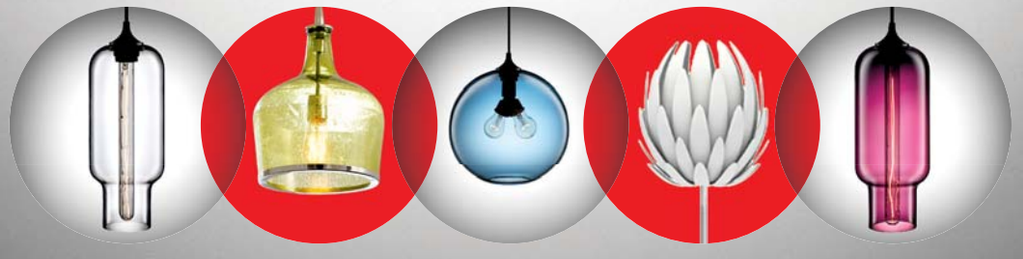

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Vincent Cassel

STAR OF "MESRINE," COLOGNE SHUNNER

In movies both in his native France ("The Brotherhood of the Wolf") and Hollywood ("Eastern Promises," "Ocean's Twelve"), actor Vincent Cassel digs into bad-guy roles with cross-cultural gusto — and flashing blue eyes. He's dashingly up to no good again in his latest flick, "Mesrine: Killer Instinct" (in theaters Friday), the first of two movies he did about notorious 1960s and '70s criminal Jacques Mesrine. (Think a Gallic Clyde with multiple Bonnies.)

Why did you want to play this role?

Even though I'm not a fan of Mesrine, I noticed and understood that, in France, people admire him. I wanted to explore the paradox. There's no reason for this man to be admired, so I'm fighting not to have him glorified.

As a kid, you lived in the neighborhood where Mesrine was killed. Did that make you want to do the role?

I lived there at the time, but I never really knew who Mesrine was. But his death was a very violent statement by the government.

Do French audiences look at movie violence differently than American ones?

Everyone likes violence in movies, because it's something very primal. Maybe in France we're a little more relaxed with it.

Mesrine was a master of disguise. Did you get wear crazy costumes to play him?

You might think, "This is wonderful as an actor; I can change my face 20 times in a movie." But we didn't use the kind of wigs he used — they were really crappy. We tried to have me not disappear. I saw "Dracula" years ago — by the end of it, I didn't know who Gary Oldman was. He changed his looks too much.

Do you like playing villains?

I've gone from gangsters to thieves to cheaters and stuff like that. I kind of like them; they come out more human than heroes. Let's face it: Bad guys are sexier. The guy with danger is exciting. You fear him and want to be him because he has the power.

> **"Let's face it: Bad guys are sexier. The guy with danger is exciting. You fear him and want to be him."**

Didn't you have to gain a lot of weight to play this role?

Yes, and it wasn't easy — I had to stop my nature, which is to be a skinny guy! I ate a lot, but I realized it wasn't enough, and I finally went to a doctor for help.

You're also into martial arts. Does this help you as an actor?

My father was a dancer, so I grew up on Busby Berkeley and Fred Astaire. Moviemaking is a frame that you have to dance into.

You're the face of YSL's men's fragrance. Are you into scent?

Actually, I don't really wear cologne. But the campaign was fun, because when they called me, it was just when "Mesrine" was coming out in France. So, it was nice to appear as a smooth and suave French man when I was playing a thug on-screen.

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2 Time to Reboot

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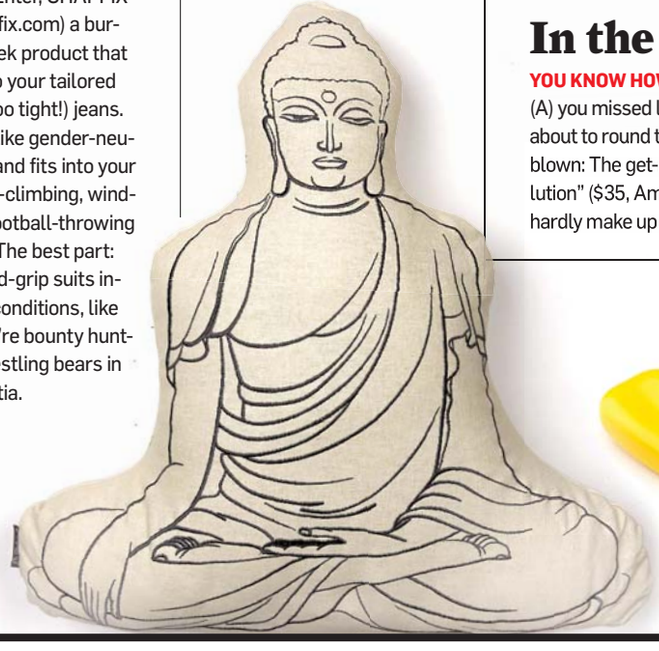
3 Masculine Shtick

BORROWING YOUR girlfriend's eau du rosebud lip gloss might make your summer-dry man lips feel smoother, but it won't win you any cred with your buddies. Enter, CHAPFIX ($4, Chapfix.com) a burly-yet-sleek product that eases into your tailored (but not too tight!) jeans. It smells like gender-neutral mint and fits into your mountain-climbing, windsurfing, football-throwing lifestyle. The best part: The ribbed-grip suits inclement conditions, like when you're bounty hunting or wrestling bears in Nova Scotia.

4 Divan Deity

WE WOULDN'T want to cuddle up with a stuffed Vishnu doll (too many spiky arms) or Virgin Mary bolster (too likely to make our mother scream sacrilege). But Siddhārtha Gautama (aka Buddha) probably would've been cool with being reborn as a sofa pillow such as Bliss Living Home's new Wisdom pouf ($75, Blisslivinghome.com). Whether you seek enlightenment by slouching back against him or not is between you and the god of your choice.



1 In the Round

YOU KNOW HOW you breathe a little sigh of relief every time you pass Boardwalk because (A) you missed landing on your friend's overpriced Park Place hotel, and (B) you know you're about to round the corner, pass "Go" and collect $200? Well, prepare to have your mind blown: The get-rich game has gone circular in its newest incarnation as "Monopoly: Revolution" ($35, Amazon.com). A credit-card banking system and streamlined place markers hardly make up for the board's lack of four sides, but it looks cute on our Lazy Susan.

Grab Bag

5 Aw, Shucked

THE CORN IS AS HIGH AS — oh, forget the elephant's eye comparison; cobs are now out of the field and into the farmers market/Whole Foods bin. To enjoy as much of the sweet yellow stuff as possible before fall comes (or someone hurls any more, um, corny farm analogies at you), spear an ear (or three) with a pair of kernel-shaped holders ($10 for eight, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544). Other husker do's: copious amounts of butter and salt.

Grab Bag goods reviewed by Katie Aberbach, Jennifer Barger and Katherine Boyle. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, see expressnightout.com/grabbag

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm starting a job as the director of a Montessori elementary school. I'd like to maintain an air of authority. Also, despite the image of Montessori education, we're not hippies, so I'd prefer something sophisticated.
— MICHELLE

Manolo says, the Manolo, who is the fundamentally irresponsible person, could imagine few jobs more taxing than being the director of the Montessori school. Of the course, it is not the children whom the Manolo would

find most taxing, for indeed, children have the capacity to be both charming and naughty in equal measures.

No, it is the parents who are the problems, with their incessant demands that you prepare their kindergartners for early admission into Harvard while supporting their untenable, sugar-based system of childhood behavioral modification."We find that Olivia responds well to Snickers bars. Perhaps you could have Ms. Sarah integrate them into Olivia's daily work."

Look! Here is the My Charm from Salvatore Ferragamo ($299, Zappos.com), the modest pump that commands respect. The Manolo likes the gray color called "grigio cenare."

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

About the Cover

Everything is illuminated at your pad thanks to pendants from Ballard Designs (second from right, $179, Ballarddesigns.com) and Vastu ($475-$1,180, 1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-8344).

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THE LIGHT STUFF

Mid century mod goes outdoorsy via a wood shade lamp ($179, Westelm.com).

A simple glass base means Cb2's Rose Line lamp ($100, Cb2.com) won't look cramped even on the teeniest of end tables.

A mercury-glass pendant lamp (center, $179, Ballarddesigns.com) would sparkle in a powder room.

For a glowing, great-looking home, switch on new lamps and chandeliers

Still own a halogen torchiere from college? Is that an '80s brass chandelier suspended over your dining table? If so, it's clear your lighting is lacking. • "Lighting provides an opportunity to push the envelope," says Phil Lancaster, senior director of merchandising for Ballard Designs (Ballarddesigns.com). "It's a chance to mix things up." • It's easy to become overwhelmed by all the lighting choices out there, from colorful ceramic table lamps to pendants with disco-like shine. • But the pieces you select do have a big impact on both the look and function of a home. • "Without good lighting, you can't see any of the other things you have," says Ronni Glaser, a lighting designer at Illuminations (415 8th St. NW; 202-783-4888). • "Lighting affects everything: the colors you see, art, how architecture relates to space." • While you can't flip a switch and zap your lighting problems, here are some bright ideas to help you make sense of everything from drum shades to dimmers. BETH LUBERECKI

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Tabling the Issue

Table lamps do everything from brighten boudoir reading to casting rays on entryways. But think about their function before falling for fabrics and finishes.

"Consider the amount of light you need," says Erin Schwartz, buyer for Dominion Electric Supply Company in Chantilly (14605 Lee-Jackson Hwy.; 703-631-8300). "Do you want an accent, or do you need it to read by?"

Function determines everything from bulb to shade choice. Shades come in many shapes, sizes, hues and patterns. CB2's Beta Tamp Lamp (shown, $129, Cb2.com) boasts a ribbed iron shade; retro-hip Slip Lamps (RCKNDY, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639) can be topped with square or round shades in prints from polka dots to poodles.

Shades affect where and how brightly a lamp shines. "Drum, round or tapered ones all give different light," says Erin Mara of Homebody (715 Eighth St. SE;, 202-544-8445).

Size and scale of everything else in a room, especially the table the lamp sits on, also matter. "A common mistake? Lamps that are too small," says Schwartz.

All-metal lamps — like the Beta from Cb2 ($129, Cb2.com) — bring a jolt of industrial style to dens or dining rooms.

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Floor Leaders

"With floor lamps, think about whether you need it for ambient or task lighting, like a gooseneck that hangs over a chair," says Mara.

Floor lamps brighten dark corners. And if you don't need them to help you see the pages of the new Jonathan Franzen novel, you can have fun with them. "Some are for show, to create mood," says designer Karen Luria of Interior Identity (703-329-6262). E.g.: the Lily at Vastu ($1,180, 1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-8344), an epoxy creation (see this section's cover) evoking an illuminated artichoke. "Lighting can be so sculptural, whether it's the light source or the body of the lamp," says Mara.

A floor lamp that multi-tasks, though, can be the best of both worlds. Pottery Barn's Sculpture Stand Floor Lamp ($499, Potterybarn.com) features an adjustable height and two bulbs that can be turned on together or separately, depending on whether you desire romantic ambience or enough light to do Sudoku.

Like table lamps, floor lamps should fit in with a room's furnishings, but they don't have to be matchy-matchy. "A vintage lamp can work with something modern, as long as the proportions are right and there's something else to balance it in the room," says Jason Claire, co-owner of Vastu.

An adjustable cord makes this CB2 floor model versatile ($199, Cb2.com).

The Devon lamp base ($149-$169, Ballarddesigns.com) comes in hot hues such as turquoise.

Let There Be ...

"When it comes to lighting, people do one of two things," says Ballard Designs' Phil Lancaster. "They use too much light or they don't use enough." Want to avoid making your pad look like some kind of gloomy cave or creepy examination room? Use these simple steps:

Layer it on. Use multiple sources of light In a given room — a ceiling fixture, a table lamp, natural light from a window — to achieve a rich, varied mood.

Get some control. Put a dimmer on every fixture possible, and you'll be able to illuminate anything from a romantic dinner to a study session.

Practice restraint. If you put in a showy crystal chandelier or a mammoth floor lamp, don't make the rest of your room super colorful or busy, or you'll risk setting a Versailles-on-the-Potomac scene.

Ask for advice. Whether you're buying lighting online or in a store, take advantage of staffers who know their bulbs and lamp shades; they can often steer you toward combinations or styles that hadn't occurred to you.

Lights Up's drum fixtures come in many funky prints ($129-$257, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445).

Get the Hang of It

No matter how cool that sculptural Noguchi lantern seems, it won't look so great if it's not hanging the proper distance over the dining room table. Pros recommend a span of 30 to 36 inches between the bottom of your fixture and the top of your table. "Higher than that, and the fixture will seem to have floated away," says Lancaster. "Lower than that, and someone is going to bump into it."

Considering something dramatic? Make sure its surroundings can support it. "Room size and table size are important," says Glaser. In other words, don't buy a triple-tier crystal number wider than your Eames kitchen table.

Pendant fixtures placed over something like a kitchen island should follow the same height rules as a chandelier. And if they're intended to provide task lighting, make sure they're bright enough. "You may find the perfect pendant, but if it's going to give you 100 watts but you need 200, you'll have to compromise," says Luria.

For mega impact, experts suggest hanging pendants in multiples. Spherical shapes are hot, especially glass pendants with old-fashioned-filament-style style bulbs.

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I havent yet seen "The Takers," the cops-and-robbers action film opening today, but I bet I can tell you one thing about it: There will be one, and precisely one, episode of a popular swear word that rhymes with "duck." How do I know? Because it's rated PG-13.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

The Motion Picture Association of America rules that govern film ratings are myriad and ridiculous, and one of those rules is that movies rated PG-13 may drop f-bombs (usually once, but sometimes more) as long as it's not in a sexual context.

I love a good expletive — the more creative, the better. And you don't have to even use actual curse word: One of my favorites was coined by a high school friend who called his calculus teacher a "syphilitic goatwhore." Maybe I am uptight, though, because when I see a PG-13 movie and the Word of Words shows up, it's almost always pointless and jarring, whether the movie is targeted toward adults or teens. "Date Night" and "Vampires Suck" both had pointless uses; on the other hand, "Anchorman's" wielding of the eff-star-star-star was a linchpin of a major joke.

This isn't to say that any movie playing the Name Game with Chuck deserves an "R" rating. I just wish that more screenwriters realized that The Word, for good or for ill, can be a powerful one — powerfully offensive to some, powerfully funny to others. Tossing it into a movie because the MPAA says it's permissible to do so doesn't make it a good idea.

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From left, Paul Walker, T.I., Michael Ealy, Hayden Christensen and Idris Elba manage to retain a suave, debonair charm even as they flirt with the wrong side of the law.

Criminally Complicated

Caper flick 'Takers' has plenty of macho action but enough melodrama for a soap

Film Review

It's not quite clear during the opening moments of the gun-crazy, chase-happy "Takers" whether director John Luessenhop is trying to reinvent the heist movie or searching for the Holy Grail — i.e., a hetero-male version of "Sex and the City": Luxurious clothes, hipster cars, fat cigars, big guns, women as drapery — you know, all the cool stuff, shot like porn.

But after its brief attempt at being a homicidal "Entourage," "Takers" eventually settles into a caper-flick groove, largely because it takes its cues from some far superior films, namely "Oceans 11/12/13" and Michael Mann's "Heat."

Like the George Clooney/Brad Pitt crime comedies, "Takers" assembles a group of handsome and chronically dysfunctional criminals who join forces to make a big killing. Like "Heat," it begins with one crime, a bank robbery, and builds up to another, the seizing of an armored car carrying $30 million, which will be accomplished by blowing up an entire Los Angeles intersection. In between, the movie puts its equally sympathetic cops and robbers in parallel motion toward a collision.

Everybody has personal problems. Gang leader Gordon (Idris Elba) has to choreograph the big score while trying to keep his reprobate sister (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) in rehab. He's also trying to dismiss some nagging doubts about Ghost (rapper T.I.), a former member of the robbery gang who took the rap before, served six years in prison and is now back, carrying an outsize chip on his shoulder.

On the other side of the criminal-justice aisle, Detective Jack Welles (Matt Dillon) neglects his young daughter while obsessively trying to piece together a mosaic of clues that don't quite seem to connect Gordon to the gun-toting Jake (Michael Ealy) or the strategist Johnny (Paul Walker) or the useless Jesse (Chris Brown) or Rat-Pack wannabe A.J. (Hayden Christensen), or any of them to the bank robbery that opened the movie.

Meanwhile, Jack's partner, Eddie (Jay Hernandez), is being scrutinized by Internal Affairs; Ghost is simmering because his ex Rachel (Zoe Saldana) has taken up with Jake. The whole thing is a soap opera, but with bigger bullets.

JOHN ANDERSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Takers" (PG-13)

- **Director:** John Luessenhop
- **Stars:** Idris Elba, Marianne Jean-Baptiste, T.I., Matt Dillon, Michael Ealy, Paul Walker, Chris Brown, Hayden Christensen, Zoe Saldana
- **For Fans of:** "Oceans 11," "Heat," "The Asphalt Jungle," "Riffifi"

Personalities

One Versatile Guy

Idris Elba, who plays a criminal in "Takers" but previously starred as Stringer Bell on "The Wire," Charles Miner on "The Office" and the stalked husband of Beyonce in "Obsessed," recently told The Washington Post he is committed to taking on a wide range of projects. "I'm very fortunate in terms of my mix of stuff that I do," Elba said. "But that was always my goal, ever since I was 19. I never wanted to do the same thing twice. I'm a big believer in, think it, say it, do it." (EXPRESS)

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Tangibly Terrifying

A dubious religious rite gone awry yields unnerving results in 'The Last Exorcism'

Film Review

The exorcism that ignites Daniel Stamm's unnerving new chiller, "The Last Exorcism," is supposed to be a sham, a simple hoax performed by a dishonest Protestant preacher who hopes to expose the church's ancient practice as fraud.

The scares that transpire once the man of faith's plan goes awry, however, are very real.

Drawing inspiration from recognizable sources — the documentary style of "The Blair Witch Project," the investigative-journalism tactics of a "20/20" exposé — Stamm creates an anxious psychological horror that's vaguely familiar yet refreshingly original.

It's also tremendously creepy, a mesmeric tiptoe through some controversial debates on fundamentalist religions and psychology. It maintains its subtle tensions until the crucial final minutes, when the mysteries of Huck Botko and Andrew Gurland's screenplay must be explained with answers that, to be honest, fall a little bit short.

Before that, "Exorcism" delivers. It establishes a clever premise, suggests a few meaty spiritual conundrums and earns every one of its uncomfortable squirms.

Much like Father Damien Karras in "The Exorcist" the Rev. Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian) has misplaced his faith. Yet, he sees value in the service he provides his community — that is, until a news story crosses his desk regarding a boy who is suffocated to death by an amateur exorcist.

Disgusted by the charade of Christianity's exaggerated exorcisms, Marcus sets out to expose the deceitful practice. He invites a camera crew on a mission trip to rural Louisiana where Louis Sweetzer (Louis Herthum) fears his timid teenage daughter, Nell (Ashley Bell), is possessed. Marcus intends to fake Nell's exorcism for the camera's benefit, thereby poking a hole through the task. Needless to say, things don't go as planned.

SEAN O'CONNELL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"The Last Exorcism" (PG-13)

- **Director:** Daniel Stamm
- **Stars:** Patrick Fabian, Iris Bahr, Ashley Bell, Louis Herthum
- **In a Nutshell:** A preacher agrees to let his last exorcism be filmed.
- **For Fans of:** "The Exorcist," "The Blair Witch Project," "Paranormal Activity," "Rosemary's Baby"

PATTI PERRET

Patrick Fabian, left, is no match for the undoubtedly gargantuan lung capacity of possessed Ashley Bell in "The Last Exorcism."

Stark, Dark and Suspenseful

Masterful pacing makes this family drama oddly riveting

Film Review

Anyone who claims to be part of a dysfunctional family might want to take a gander at the Codys, a clan of car thieves, bank robbers, druggies, dealers and murderers, and the subjects of the dark Australian drama "Animal Kingdom."

The film, which won writer-director David Michod the world cinema jury prize at Sundance this year, wastes no time shocking its audience with the breezy way it handles bleak material. A woman, overdosed on heroin, sits crumpled on a couch as paramedics try to revive her. But her teenage son can't seem to peel himself away from the television. When she dies, leaving J (James Frecheville) orphaned, he moves in with his estranged grandmother and meets the rest of his fearsome relatives. J finds the group in crisis, as vigilante police officers have begun murdering suspected criminals, and have the Codys in their sights.

It may sound like a cynical ride, but it's also a highly watchable one, thanks to immaculate pacing. The story meticulously unfurls like an apple carefully peeled in one long ribbon to reveal its rotten core.

The most troubling aspect of the story — and its most compelling — is the emphasis on banal, everyday life. The characters are similarly incongruous. Grandma "Smurf" (Jacki Weaver) is terrifying. With a Stepford smile, she uses the kind of soothing voice one might reserve for an injured puppy even when she's ordering a hit on someone.

STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NARELLE SHEEAN /SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

If he can pull off a Hawaiian shirt, Ben Mendelsohn, left, must not be truly evil, right?

"Animal Kingdom" (R)

- **Director:** David Michod
- **Stars:** Ben Mendelsohn, Guy Pearce, James Frecheville, Jacki Weaver, Joel Edgerton
- **In a Nutshell:** An orphaned teenager moves in with his estranged, fearsome and corrupt relatives.
- **For Fans of:** "City of God," "Precious," "Maria Full of Grace"

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THE BASICS: Recent New York transplants Bret (Bret McKenzie) and Jemaine (Jemaine Clement) make up the band Flight of the Conchords from New Zealand. The series follows Bret and Jemaine as they play gigs, attempt to get girlfriends, fit into American society and, of course, perform hilarious songs.

THE EXTRAS: The features show that the Conchords are consistently funny guys, from their radio appearances to comments on their co-workers. It's easy to see why HBO nabbed the pair for the network. (TWP)

entertainment lookout

Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Michael Jackson would have turned 52 on Sunday. In honor of his birthday, there are two big celebrations Friday, and they're only a few blocks apart.

Kick off your Night of Michael at U Street Music Hall, where Harry Hotter (of the Beacon's rooftop parties), Andrew Jaye and James Nasty spin at the **MOTOWN HAPPY HOUR** (1115 U St. NW; 5 p.m., free; 202-588-1880). Expect plenty of vintage Jackson Five, solo Michael Jackson and his contemporaries during the event, along with $5 Absolut Vodka drinks.

The main draw of the evening will be the **MICHAEL JACKSON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** at the 9:30 Club (815 V St. NW.; 8 p.m., $15; 202-265-0930), hosted by the peerless DJ Dredd. He promises to mix up the music of Michael and his siblings into one endless string of hits, and if Dredd's work at the Prince parties is anything to go by, this is going to be one fiercely funky night on the dance floor.

MARIANNE DISSARD

Marianne Dissard sings en francais in a free show at Comet Ping Pong Saturday.

SATURDAY

All summer long, you've been promising yourself you'd make it to one of the pool parties at the Capitol Skyline Hotel. And now it's the middle of August and you only have two more weeks to experience the scene. So stop making excuses. This week's **BRIGHTEST YOUNG THINGS PARTY** (10 I St SW; 12 p.m., $15; 202-488-7500) has a "Beverly Hills 90210" theme. Consider this an invitation to bust out your Keds, roll up your jeans and head down for '90s music.

Heads up, Francophiles. **MARIANNE DISSARD** may have been living in the U.S. for more than a decade, collaborating with members of Calexico and Giant Sand, but she still sings in French and plays music that can evoke both the Champs Elysses and the Southwest. Baroque-pop locals The Strugglers open at Comet Ping Pong (5037 Connecticut Ave. NW; 10 p.m., free; 202-364-0404).

And finally, if you've been looking for an excuse to wear your Uncle Charley's old Shriners outfit, it's time for another installment of the roving **FEZ AND MUSTACHE PARTY**, which is being held at DC9 (1940 9th St. NW; 9 p.m., $5; 202-483-5000). It's a night of klezmer, Balkan rock and Eastern European party music, enhanced by the wearing of fezzes and fake mustaches (by both sexes).

Now Playing

CAIRO TIME (PG, 88 minutes) Patricia Clarkson's character, Juliette, a Canadian magazine editor, has just landed in Egypt, where she plans to join her husband, Mark, a U.N official. At the airport, Juliette is met by Mark's old friend Tareq (Alexander Siddig), who informs Juliette that her husband has been delayed in Gaza. Juliette tries to navigate Cairo on her own, but quickly learns that she'll need a guide. She calls on Tareq. As the film unfolds, Juliette begins to exude an unmistakable sense of longing, a feeling that Tareq picks up on. **A.H.**

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13, 109 minutes) This comedy of humiliation, starring Paul Rudd and Steve Carell, isn't nearly as off-putting as it might have been. Rudd plays Tim, an ambitious young executive desperate to impress his art-dealer girlfriend (Stephanie Szostak), who is invited by his icy boss (Bruce Greenwood) to attend one of his regular "dinners for idiots." Each guest is supposed to bring the most pathetic idiot he can find. When Tim literally collides with Barry (Carell), the game is afoot. Zach Galifianakis also stars. **A.H.**

FRANCOIS DUHAMEL/SONY

Javier Bardem helps Julia Roberts accomplish the last of her "Eat Pray Love" aims.

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG-13, 133 minutes) Julia Roberts portrays author Elizabeth Gilbert as she recovers from a disastrous divorce, painful rebound relationship and general spiritual ennui on a yearlong trip through Italy, India and Bali. The book's rabid fans are likely to feel well served by Ryan Murphy's adaptation, which hews pretty faithfully to Gilbert's memoir. And even newcomers can enjoy being swept up in the film's lavish third chapter, where Gilbert meets a seductive Brazilian named Felipe (Javier Bardem) and embarks on a luscious love affair. Her supporting characters get more time in India,

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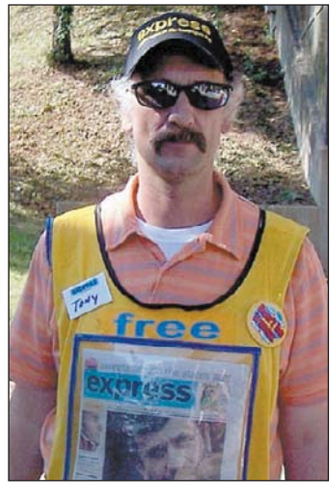

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where Gilbert meets "Richard from Texas," played here by Richard Jenkins. **A.H.**

THE EXPENDABLES (R, 103 minutes) This action thriller written and directed by Sylvester Stallone is designed to leave filmgoers feeling pummeled into submission. Just when the film threatens to sink under its own weight, Terry Crews blows a guy's brains out, silhouetted through a backlit doorway, and the entire groaning enterprise levitates on a ludicrous plume of pure camp. Stallone plays Barney Ross, leader of the titular gang of mercenaries with names like Lee Christmas (Jason Statham) and Gunnar Jensen (Dolph Lundgren), who are hired by a man named Mr. Church to unseat a despot in South America. **A.H.**

SONY CLASSICS

Bill Murray, right, is a seedy undertaker involved in staging the funeral of Southern recluse Robert Duvall in "Get Low."

THE EXTRA MAN (R, 105 minutes) The titular man "Man" is Henry Harrison, played by Kevin Kline, though it's Paul Dano's character, Louis, who acts as our portal into directors Robert Pulcini and Shari Springer Berman's antiquated world. A sexually confused young English professor, Louis, is banished from Princeton to Manhattan after colleagues catch him trying on women's undergarments in the teacher's lounge. Louis's hasty search for an apartment leads him to Henry's door, and the two eccentrics form a fast friendship. **SEAN O'CONNELL**

FAREWELL (NR, 113 minutes) Director Christian Carion wisely tried to make this story about the 1983 bust of Soviet spies with the code name "Farewell" accessible by centering it on an ordinary man-turned-spy, but the intricate historical events still suffocate the film. The film begins in 1981 Moscow. A French family man named Pierre (Guillaume Canet) is spying on the Soviets for the French and U.S. governments. Pierre starts getting hotter information about what the Soviets know, such as codes to get into the White House. Pierre receives the intel from Sergei Grigoriev (Emir Kusturica), a KGB colonel who has become disenchanted with communism under Leonid Brezhnev. Pierre and Sergei have to play hide-and-seek from the KGB. **R.S.**

GET LOW (PG-13, 102 minutes) A recluse living in the woods outside a small Southern town during the Depression, Robert Duvall's character, Felix Bush, has the long gray beard of someone plucked straight from the pages of the Old Testament; a man of

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mystery and menace, he's something of a local legend in town, where people whisper about Felix's past sins, which may or may not include murder. Fed up with the gossip, Felix decides to throw his own funeral, just to hear what people say about him. He enlists the help of the local undertakers, one a sincere apprentice named Buddy (Lucas Black) and Buddy's boss, a sardonic sharpie named Frank Quinn (Bill Murray). **A.H.**

THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R, 129 minutes) In the second in a series of films based on Stieg Larsson's best-selling mysteries, we learn a bit more about Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace), the computer hacker and avenging angel introduced in the first film. "Fire" reveals more of the old hurts that drive her. Having used her high-tech skills to help her sometime lover, investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist), solve an old murder, she has now fled Sweden, only to find that she has been implicated in a triple homicide, in which one of the victims is her parole officer. **M.O.**

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (Unrated, 152 minutes) At its simplest, this Swedish thriller based on the first in a series of three popular Stieg Larsson novels is the story of a 40-year-old missing-person investigation. Wealthy businessman Henrik Vanger (Sven-Bertil Taube) hires investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) to find out what happened to Vanger's favorite niece, Harriet (Ewa Froeling), who is presumed to have been murdered. No sooner does Mikael start to poke around than he is joined by multiply-pierced computer hacker Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace), the tattooed girl of the title. **M.O.**

INCEPTION (PG-13, 148 minutes) Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) makes his living navigating the minds of other people, sharing their dreams and stealing ideas in an elaborate psychological gambit known as "extraction." Cobb has worked mostly with businesses engaged in super-complicated corporate espionage. But rather than steal an idea, a client named Saito (Ken Watanabe) hires Cobb to plant one in the mind of Robert Fischer (Cillian Murphy), the would-be heir to an energy conglomerate, in a process called "inception." **A.H.**

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R, 106 minutes) This is the perfect midsummer movie, a comedy about a flawed-but-functional family. Eighteen-year-old Joni (Mia Wasikowska) and her little brother, Laser (Josh Hutcherson), are pretty typical teens growing up in Southern California today: They're good kids, even if they roll their eyes at their overprotective mother. Actually, make that mothers: Joni and Laser have two moms, played by Annette Bening and Julianne Moore. They've clearly formed a close family, which makes it all more disruptive when Laser persuades Joni to find their biological father. **A.H.**

LOTTERY TICKET (PG-13, 95 minutes)

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A long Fourth of July weekend is all that stands between recent high school graduate Kevin (rapper Bow Wow) and a $370 million dollar jackpot. Owner of the winning ticket, Kevin can claim his prize once the next workday begins, but until then he has to contend with the other inhabitants of his housing project, including an ex-con and questionably intentioned friends. Most people in such a quandary would, perhaps, hide in a closet. But co-writers Erik White (who also directs) and Abdul Williams have the young man make decisions far beyond the potential for suspended disbelief. **STEPHANIE MERRY**

NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG, 108 minutes) Emma Thompson reprises her 2005 role as the title character who looks more Roald Dahl than Mary Poppins. But her physical disarray is balanced by her supernatural ability to clean up a chaotic scene. Such is the plight of Isabel Green (Maggie Gyllenhaal), a loving mother who tries to protect her children from the horrors of World War II. To complicate matters, her scheming brother-in-law wants her to sell her half of the family farm so he can pay off gambling debts, and her niece and nephew are visiting from London. As expected, the Green children are at odds with their spoiled big-city counterparts. **S.M.**

RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G, 104 minutes) Ramona Quimby (Joey King) is 9 and has a real knack for getting into trouble. She's not

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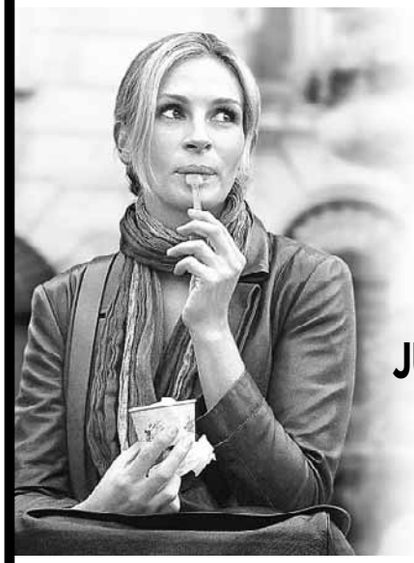

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trying to; it's just that she's brave and imaginative, and sometimes things get a little out of hand, and the next thing you know, she's cracked a raw egg on her head. Her sister, Beezus (Selena Gomez), is in high school and is therefore exasperated by Ramona's antics, especially when the pest starts a kitchen fire just as a boy calls on the phone. "Ramona and Beezus," is about how sisters love each other despite all the upsetting things that happen to them. **D.K.**

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG, 108 minutes) Based on a graphic novel, this hyper-kinetic pop-culture pastiche stars Michael Cera as the title character, a 22-year-old Lothario and would-be rocker who meets the girl of his dreams, then sets out to defeat her seven exes to gain her love. Love, actually, has little to do with it in a story populated by progressively snarkier, self-involved characters. Stripped of his doe-eyed looks and indie-nerd style, Pilgrim is actually a selfish jerk; Ramona V. Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) isn't much warmer. **A.H.**

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Maggie Gyllenhaal calls on a supernatural nanny to help with her kids.

STEP UP 3D (PG-13, 107 minutes) Scrawny mop-top Moose (Adam Sevani), who reprises his role from "Step Up 2: Take It to the Streets," launches into the first dance sequence just minutes after the movie begins, with his parents dropping him and BFF Camille (Alyson Stoner returning as Camille from "Step Up 2") for freshman orientation at New York University. Moose has renounced what his dad calls "that dance thing" and declared engineering as his major. But before you can say "graphing calculator," he follows a pair of gunmetal Nike high-tops that lead him into a battle with bad boy crew the Samurais. And thus he falls into a fantastical world of underground dance. Sevani's newfound dance family, a crew called the Pirates, live and train inside a vast warehouse known as the Vault. **YLAN Q. MUI**

THE SWITCH (PG-13, 101 minutes) This film adaptation of a Jeffrey Eugenides story takes viewers down a path that possesses a gratifying share of surprises. "The Switch" stars Jennifer Aniston as a 40-year-old Kassie, a single woman who decides to conceive a child by way of a sperm donor. Her best friend, Wally (Jason Bateman), meanwhile, looks on disapprovingly. But viewers expecting yet another film about baby-crazed women and their biological clocks will be happy to discover that "The Switch" takes Kassie's choice in stride and instead directs most of its attention to Wally, who spends most of the movie puzzling his way through feelings about intimacy, their relationship and parenthood. **A.H.**

VAMPIRES SUCK (PG-13, 82 minutes) "Vampires Suck," is a painfully unfunny "Twilight" spoof. The plot is based on a pastiche of moments from the first two "Twilight" films. Becca (Jenn Proske) moves to a glum little town called Sporks. There she listens to teen-angst mixes, engages in desperately awkward conversations with her single father (Diedrich Bader of "The Drew Carey Show") and eventually finds herself torn between Edward (Matt Lanter), a vampire who "looks like he's constipated" and Jacob (Chris Riggi), a kindhearted werewolf who is contractually obliged to remove his shirt every 10 minutes. **JEN CHANEY**

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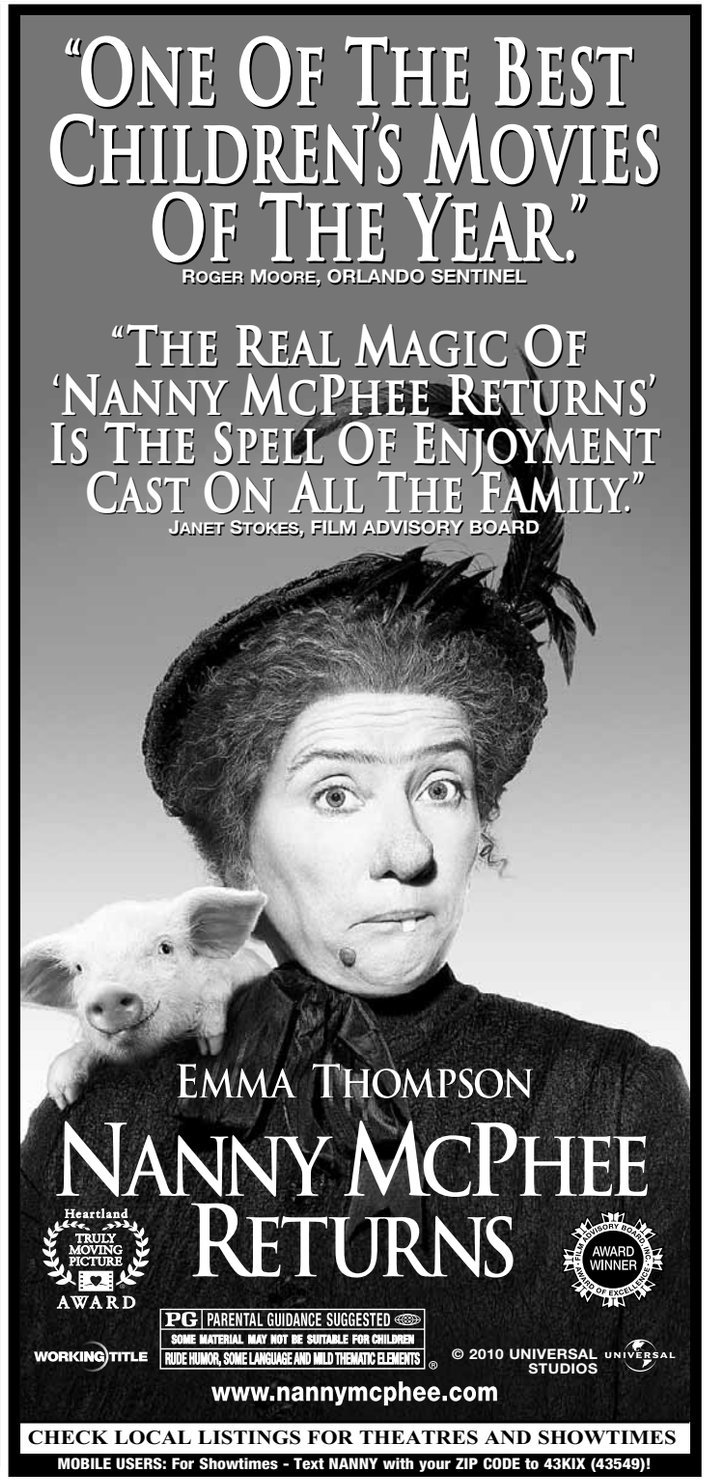

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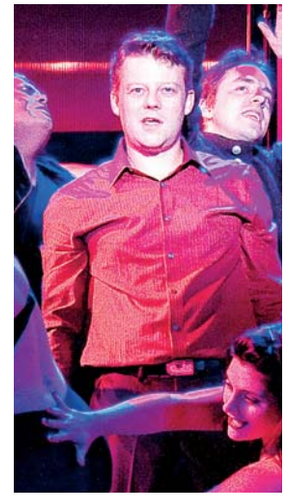

3 Russian Blues

Though the plot of Cold War rock musical "Chess," playing at Signature Theater, actually has very little to do with spies — well, Cold War-era Americans assumed anyone from Russia must be a spy — Signature has teamed up with the International Spy Museum to host a Cold War scavenger hunt. Anyone who participates will get discounted tickets to "Chess," and the grand prize includes four free tickets, a hotel stay and a restaurant gift certificate. ***Sat., 10 a.m., free; register by e-mailing checkmate@signature-theatre.org.***

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SOUL KITCHEN (NR) (2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:30
LEBANON (R) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15)7:30, 9:45, 12:00
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (12:30, 3:00, 5:30)8:00, 10:30
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ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (2:05, 4:35)7:05, 9:35, 11:45
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RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G) 11:30 A.M.

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VAMPIRES SUCK (PG–13) 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00
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SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 12:00, 2:40
SALT (PG–13) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

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SALT (PG–13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 6:50, 9:20
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:50, 4:20
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:00, 3:20, 6:30, 9:50

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

THE EXPENDABLES (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
INCEPTION (PG–13) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria — www.amctheatres.com

TAKERS (PG–13) 10:15, 11:10, 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10, 11:10
PIRANHA 3D (R) 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 10:00, 10:55, 12:15, 1:25, 2:30, 3:55, 4:55, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 9:45, 11:40, 12:10
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LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 10:35, 11:40, 1:20, 2:20, 4:05, 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 10:00, 10:50
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:30
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:05, 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:35
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EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 10:25, 1:55, 5:20, 8:45, 11:50
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THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 10:20, 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 11:15, 2:05, 5:30, 8:15, 11:05
STEP UP 3D (PG–13) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE 3D (PG) 10:40, 1:35
IN DIGITAL 3-D
DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG–13) 10:50, 2:00, 5:05, 8:25, 11:20
RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G) 11:30, 2:15
INCEPTION (PG–13) 11:25, 2:55, 6:15, 9:55
SALT (PG–13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40, 12:15
DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 10:30, 1:05, 3:50, 6:30, 9:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D
AVATAR: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG–13) 11:20, 3:05, 7:05, 11:00

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30
A WOMAN OF PARIS (NR) 4:20 P.M.
PAY DAY (NR)
AFTER HOURS (R) 7:00 P.M.
ALL ABOUT EVIL (NR) 9:30 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT (R) (1:50, 4:20)7:10, 9:50
ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (1:30, 3:55)6:30, 9:00
GET LOW (PG–13) (2:00, 4:30)7:00, 9:30
CAIRO TIME (PG) (12:30, 2:45, 5:00)7:20, 9:40
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:45
MAO'S LAST DANCER (PG) (1:00, 4:00)6:50, 9:25
AGORA (NR) (1:25)6:45
I AM LOVE (R) (4:10)9:35
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) (1:15, 4:05)7:05, 9:55

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

TAKERS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:50, 8:30, 11:00
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THE EXPENDABLES (R) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

THE SWITCH (PG–13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:50
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:45, 3:50, 7:00, 10:20
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 9:50
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:05
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:35

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

TAKERS (PG–13) 10:15, 11:10, 12:55, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:10, 1:00
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 10:00, 12:15, 12:50, 2:40, 3:30, 5:10, 6:00, 7:50, 8:40, 10:30, 11:20, 12:50
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STEP UP 3D (PG–13) 11:40, 2:25, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
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INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:50 P.M.
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE (PG) 10:05, 12:30
10:05, 12:30
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 10:30 A.M.

Regal Bethesda

Bethesda — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
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THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:05

Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
AVATAR: SPECIAL EDITION 3D (PG–13) 3:10, 6:45, 10:15
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 1:00, 2:10, 3:05, 4:20, 4:50, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:40, 9:20, 9:55, 10:50, 11:30, 12:10, 12:50
TAKERS (PG–13) 1:15, 1:55, 2:45, 3:35, 4:40, 5:30, 6:05, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30, 11:45, 12:20, 1:00
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SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 4:00, 6:35, 9:05, 11:40
STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 8:15, 10:45
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10, 11:35
SALT (PG–13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:35, 12:05
INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:35, 6:10, 9:25, 12:30
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 5:50
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:30 P.M.

Regal Royale Stadium

Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
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SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 1:45, 6:55
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STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 4:15, 9:40
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TV weekend lookout

The Original Survivors

Les Stroud exposes remote cultures that face modern threats

Premiere

SAT 8:00

How do you top "Survivorman"? "Beyond Survival with Les Stroud" takes the emphasis off Les and his individual feats and allows viewers to share the habits and cultures of exotic and remote indigenous tribes.

In Sri Lanka, Stroud goes "stick fishing," a technique dating back at least 10,000 years. The massive tsunami of 2004 proved to be a triple curse to Sri Lanka's ancient way of life. More than half of the island's fishermen were killed; the nearby fish population was destroyed or dispersed; and the next generation of fishermen were made relatively "rich" by an outpouring of international aid and have little interest in their fathers' ancient trade.

LAURA BOMBIER

"Survivorman" Les Stroud turns his attention to how other people live off the land.

So we learn how one storm can devastate a culture dating back to the edge of history.

Over the course of the season, Stroud visits with Madagascar's Antanosy tribe and travels with the San people of the Kalahari desert who believe that their trance dances enable them to communicate with the spiritual realm.

Some of these remote tribal people have not been documented for decades. Stroud puts great emphasis on the many threats to their ancient customs and traditions, so it's not his "Survival" at stake in this series. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

FRI 11:00

Blood Dolphins (APL) This three-part miniseries profiles Richard "Ric" O'Barry, a noted dolphin activist and member of the Marine Mammal Team of Earth Island Institute, and his campaign to spotlight and stop the practice of dolphin hunting.

SAT 11:00

Shaquille O'Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam — Live From Dallas (SHO) Academy Award-winning actress and stand-up comic Mo'nique hosts the third episode in this series, which was filmed during the 2010 NBA All-Star Weekend in Dallas.

SUN 9:00

True Blood (HBO) Bill tries to earn Sookie's trust but only brings new dangers her way. Eric tempts Russell with "the ultimate vampire dream." Sam alienates nearly everyone as he embraces his dark side.

SUN 9:00

Drop Dead Diva (LIFE) Paula Abdul, left, guest stars in the two-hour season finale, as Claire Harrison partners with Kim on a case. Fred turns green with envy when Stacy has to kiss a pretend husband in a commercial. Jane and Grayson represent a woman who wants to be cryogenically frozen. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Awards

Bragging Rights

Jimmy Fallon is master of ceremonies for the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards (8 p.m. Sun. on NBC) from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. Presenters include Jon Hamm, Matthew Morrison and Tina Fey, all of whom are also up for awards. "Glee" is this year's most-nominated show, with 19 chances to win those shiny statuettes. (EXPRESS)

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Poll Center

Today's Question

IS GLENN BECK'S RALLY DISRESPECTFUL TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING?

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Thursday's Results

DO YOU THINK THE NFL SHOULD EXTEND ITS REGULAR SEASON TO 18 GAMES?

"The NFL could easily convert preseason games to real games. Fans shouldn't have to pay full price for games that don't count."

COMMENTER BRAD2

"Making [the] NFL season even longer than it already is? No thanks."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT WWW.EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM

"Ten out of the twelve Big Ten fanbases do not care when the Michigan-Ohio State game is played. Does it need to be played every year? Most definitely."

— **THEONLYCOLORS.COM** WON'T BE TOO UPSET IF THE BIG 10'S CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT WILL FORCE THE TRADITIONAL RIVALS TO MOVE THEIR ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME FROM THE FINAL SATURDAY OF THE REGULAR SEASON.

Blog Log

"GOOGLE ANNOUNCED that it will allow users to make phone calls directly from Gmail — because, apparently, I don't spend enough time in Gmail already."

— ANTHONY HA AT **VENTUREBEAT.COM** FIGURES THE SEARCH ENGINE'S NEW SERVICE WILL ONLY INCREASE HIS ADDICTION TO GMAIL.

"Frank Cho is a genius and a regular guy at the same time. I have followed the adventures in 'Liberty Meadows' for years now and it is my favorite strip of all time. Cho connects with all of us who simply have never really grown up — nor want to."

— A **WASHINGTONPOST.COM** COMMENTER ENJOYED A WASHINGTON POST MAGAZINE PIECE ABOUT CHO, WHO GREW UP IN BELTSVILLE, MD., AND HAS MADE A CAREER AS A SYNDICATED COMIC.

VON WILLEBRAND DISEASE RESEARCH STUDY

A market research firm in Bethesda is conducting a market research study with people who have been diagnosed with von Willebrand disease, or, for those that are minors, their primary caretakers. Qualified participants may be invited to in-person interviews at our office and will receive a cash incentive. All names kept confidential. No sales or clinical trials of any kind. If you are interested, please call: 301-215-7248, and ask for Velma.
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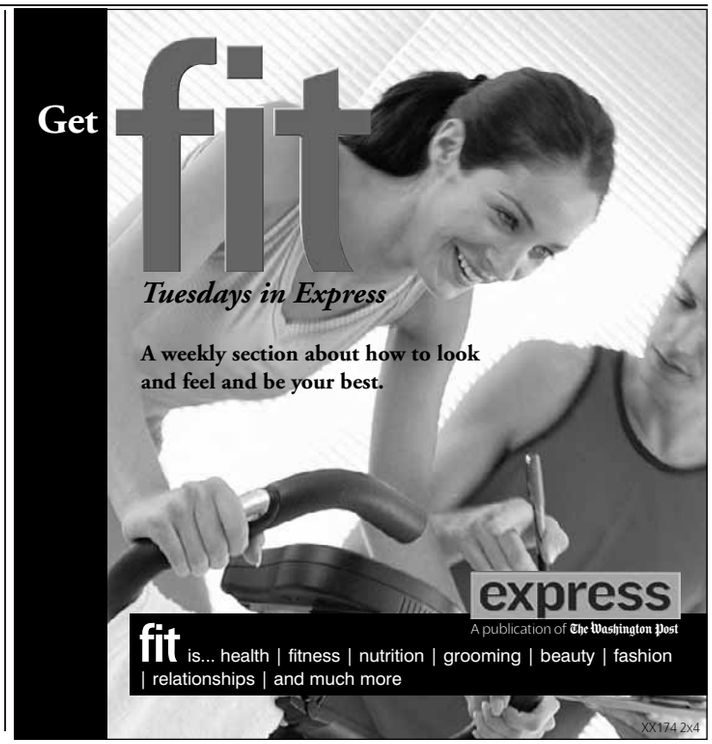

puzzles lookout

Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have someone looking out for you at this time, but you may have to go it alone for a while to gain valuable confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The influence you have on others is something to be assessed and, perhaps, tempered to a degree. Self-control is essential at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to stop and take stock of everything that has happened to you in the past day or two in order to understand how you feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Even while following the letter of the law, you can look after someone who has been playing fast and loose with the rules.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're sure to receive some conflicting advice. But where your money is concerned, you'll want to take a conservative approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's one thing to follow the rules, and it's another to let those rules pin you down in an unreasonable fashion. Liberate yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It may be up to you to keep others working together in a positive, productive fashion. A few steps back allow you to jump forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Speed is far less important than accuracy — and safety, on top of it all, is paramount. Don't let the pace get out of control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your behavior may be a little over the top, and others are sure to voice their objections — or at the very least their concerns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone else's change of plans affects you in a manner that was not to be expected — so you must be ready to trust your instincts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are jumping to conclusions, and yet you feel as though you are also following the most logical course of action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How is it that you know all the answers when the experts are still at a loss? You may be guessing, but the guessing is good.

PostPoints DAILY CODE R E

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 233

								RACK 1
E1	I1	O1	D2	L1	C3	L1		
								RACK 2
A1	A1	E1	Y4	N1	T1	B3	3rd Letter Double	
								RACK 3
E1	O1	Y4	G2	D2	C3	Z10		
								RACK 4
E1	E1	I1	T1	N1	K5	C3	Triple Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

O1	F4	F4	I1	C3	E1	R1	RACK 1 =	66
A1	R1	R1	A1	Y4	E1	D2	RACK 2 =	61
B3	Y4	G2	O1	N1	E1		RACK 3 =	12
A1	R1	C3	H4	A1	I1	C3	RACK 4 =	92
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	231

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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Yesterday's Solution

5	6	8	7	2	4	3	9	1
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

82 | 62

Today: Nice today with plenty of sun. Clear tonight.

86 | 64

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
90 | 68	94 | 72	93 | 71

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:32 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:47 p.m.
Moonset today: 9:18 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 85
Record high: 97
Normal low: 67
Record low: 53

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Crossword

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

ACROSS

1 Something to do after the show
5 It may need to be crunched
9 Terra ___ (fired clay)
14 Waikiki dance
15 Jannings of old films
16 "... but to no ___"
17 Eliciting an "Ewww!"
18 "Venus de ___"
19 Bakery offerings
20 Spin the wheel, e.g.
23 Former name of Tokyo
24 Buyer's need
25 Airheads
27 "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," e.g.
30 It's likely to get into hot water
33 Mountaineer's goal
36 Puts into words
38 Alpha, ___, gamma
39 Some German autos
41 V into XV
42 One-on-one instructor
43 Subway route
44 Bloodsucking fly
46 Acquire intelligence
47 Area factor
49 Gathers for sheaves
51 "What's mine is ___" (sharing words)
53 Addled by age
57 Traditional or Roth
59 Win when one isn't expected to
62 Far from laid-back
64 Surrounding quality
65 Violent protest
66 "Come on in!"
67 1944 Normandy event
68 Hit the bottle
69 Gymnastics competitions
70 Has an evening meal
71 First name on a marquee

DOWN

1 Debt evidence
2 Filthy money
3 Certain free radical
4 Bribe money for a DJ
5 Blemish on one's school record
6 "Lucky Jim" author Kingsley
7 Cultivate, as soil
8 How Dr. Seuss is often read
9 Wicked Witch's outburst
10 Fertility lab eggs
11 Emulates a bookie
12 "Fit to Be ___"
13 "And another thing ..."
21 Connection
22 Boot-camp beds
26 Perfume brand
28 "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" singer Redding
29 Getty Center architect Richard
31 Looking down on
32 Indiana birthplace of the Jackson 5
33 Turnpike payment
34 "The Andy Griffith Show" boy
35 Low-stakes poker game
37 Bris or confirma-tion, e.g.
40 Brand of toy blocks
42 Old Wild West shelter
44 No ___ Traffic
45 Strolls down the runway
48 Potatoes and yams
50 Bull pen sounds
52 Ample amounts
54 Blithering sort
55 Drug used to treat Parkinson's disease
56 Compound present in beer
57 Short news-paper piece
58 Magritte or Descartes
60 Spiral-horned antelope
61 Drainpipe feature
63 Block a bid, in bridge

Yesterday's Solution

T	A	M	P	A		A	G	O	G		A	C	R	E
O	P	A	L	S		B	O	C	A		T	R	I	M
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EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

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62			63		■	64				■	65			
66					■	67				■	68			
69					■	70				■	71			

Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

9		1	4					7				1				6	9		5
8		4				3								2			8		4
	3				1										2			1	
			1	4	8	6								3	1	7	9		
		8	6		3										3		4	7	
		9	2	5												2	5	1	
	4		3														3		9
		5				4		3				6		9				2	
3		2	5		4										9		2	5		8
								1	7		3	9							
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								6	2		8	7							
6		2	3		8										2		4	5		9
		4				6		7				2		4				1	
	3		5														7		4	
		8	2	6												7	5	9		
		1	8		7										8		3	4		
			1	3	4	2								5	4	9	2			
	8				9										7				9	
2		5				9								1				3		8
4		6	7					3				4					9	6		1

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Last Week's Solution

6	4	2	3	8	9	7	5	1
1	8	9	5	7	2	4	3	6
3	5	7	4	1	6	2	9	8
4	7	8	9	3	1	5	6	2
9	6	5	7	2	4	8	1	3
2	3	1	8	6	5	9	7	4
8	9	3	1	4	7	6	2	5
5	1	6	2	9	8	3	4	7
7	2	4	6	5	3	1	8	9

5	7	8	6	9	1	2	3	4
4	2	3	5	7	8	6	9	1
6	9	1	3	2	4	5	7	8
7	3	4	1	6	2	8	5	9
8	1	2	9	5	7	3	4	6
9	6	5	4	8	3	7	1	2
1	8	9	2	3	5	4	6	7
2	5	6	7	4	9	1	8	3
3	4	7	8	1	6	9	2	5

			4	3	6	9	5	2
			7	9	8	6	1	3
			5	1	2	7	8	4
4	5	1	7	8	9	2	6	3
2	3	9	4	5	6	8	7	1
6	7	8	1	2	3	9	5	4
3	8	4	5	6	7	1	2	9
7	9	2	8	4	1	5	3	6
5	1	6	3	9	2	7	4	8
8	2	5	6	1	4	3	9	7
9	4	3	2	7	8	6	1	5
1	6	7	9	3	5	4	8	2

1	2	8	4	3	7	9	5	6
3	4	6	1	9	5	7	8	2
7	5	9	2	6	8	4	1	3
2	1	4	8	5	3	6	7	9
5	6	7	9	1	2	8	3	4
9	8	3	7	4	6	1	2	5

Today in History

1883 The island volcano Krakatoa blows up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

1908 Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, is born near Stonewall, Texas.

2009 Mourners file past the closed casket of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

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There's No Statute of Limitations on Crazy

In today's Lindsay Lohan news (thanks to Radaronline.com): A trial date has been set for a lawsuit stemming from a 2007 incident in which Lohan is alleged to have chased the car of her former assistant's mom. A woman who was in that car, as are three men who were in Lohan's car, are suing. Also: New York State radio station Party 105 has offered $1 million to Lohan and mom Dina to host a show. **(EXPRESS)**

CONFUSION

Injured Man Grateful For Nick Nolte's Help

Gary Busey stopped at the scene of a car wreck he witnessed in Malibu, Calif., earlier this week, helping to slow traffic and staying with an injured man until paramedics arrived, according to TMZ.com. The man's mother says Busey was "very sweet and caring." Her son is in good condition. **(EXPRESS)**

GABRIEL BOUYS/GETTY IMAGES

Buseyworld.com has a simple guide to telling Nick Nolte and Gary Busey apart.

Victims

Octomom, You're No Kate Gosselin

Nadya "Octomom" Suleman wants to join "Dancing With the Stars," her attorney told TMZ.com: "She's in top physical shape. She has had a strong interest in dance and 'DWTS' is one of the few shows that she takes time to watch." **(EXPRESS)**

ASTRID STAWIARZ/GETTY IMAGES

Bristol can't get enough of the spotlight, which is totally not hereditary.

FAME

What Hath Levi Wrought?

Rumors strongly suggest that Bristol Palin has been cast on "Dancing With the Stars" (along The Situation, David Hasselhoff, Audrina Patridge, Brandy, Michael Bolton, Florence Henderson and Ryan O'Neal). ABC won't officially reveal its roster until Monday, during an episode of "Bachelor Pad." **(EXPRESS)**

CHANGES

Kids Horrified by Lack Of Cameramen in School

Kate Gosselin finally sent all eight of her kids to school at the same time Thursday, Radaronline.com reported. Her offspring wore matching outfits — black sweatshirts for boys, white for girls — for the event. Meanwhile, Jon Gosselin tweeted that his book will not be about parenting. **(EXPRESS)**

"I appreciate everyone's well wishes. But I am very superstitious. When the time is right, everyone will know."

— **MARIAH CAREY** CONTINUES TO EVADE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SHE IS PREGNANT OR NOT. **HUSBAND NICK CANNON HAS BEEN SIMILARLY CAGEY.**

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